

ALEPPO TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Boston, Massachusetts

ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CEREMONIAL WORK

Friday, January 29, 1954

MECHANICS BUILDING, BOSTON, MASS.

YOUR 1954 SHRINE CARD IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE CEREMONIES. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOURS, WE SUGGEST YOU OBTAIN IT BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

**AFTERNOON MEETING 3:30 P.M. PAUL REVERE HALL
BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES BUSINESS MEETING
RITUAL WORK IN FULL FORM**

Enter at 99 Huntington Avenue for Afternoon Meeting

SPECIAL NOTICE — PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Petitions to be acted on at this meeting must be in the Recorder's office not later than 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 27, 1954 (two working days before the meeting).

BUFFET DINNER - - - 4:45 TO 6:45 P.M.

GRAND BANQUET HALL, MECHANICS BUILDING

Enter 99 Huntington Avenue

Doors open to Banquet Hall at 4:45 P.M.

**EVENING BUSINESS MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTION
OF OFFICERS 6:20 P.M.**

GRAND HALL, MECHANICS BUILDING

GRAND ENTRANCE

BUSINESS MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

BAND CONCERT — ORGAN CONCERT

ARAB PATROL DRILL

EVENING PARADE AND REVIEW

INDUCTION OF CANDIDATES

SECOND SECTION WORK BY DEGREE STAFF

GRAND VAUDEVILLE SHOW

By direction of the Illustrious Potentate, the new Aleppo Temple Guard, which was formed in 1953 will be on duty at this Ceremonial. In accordance with Imperial Council Laws, and to protect our organization from intruders, ALL Nobles must present their 1954 Shrine Card and give the pass words to the Guards before being admitted to the Temple.

1954 CARD ADMITS YOU

WEAR YOUR FEZ

Harvey B. Leggee

Recorder

Arthur G. MacKenzie

Illustrious Potentate

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Section 206 of Article 24 of the Code of the Imperial Council. The printing, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, tickets or other devices, by a Noble or Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for officer in the Temple, is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section the Imperial Potentate shall suspend the offending Noble, or Nobles, until the next regular session of the Imperial Council, and he may, in his judgment declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election. The Recorders of Temples shall mail a notice of the annual session and election to all members of the Temple at least one week prior to the date of said election, and said notice shall contain this Section.

The Potentate's Final Message

Nobles:

THE calendar year continues to play an important role in the lives of us all. Friday, January the 29th, will mark the end of my term in office as your Illustrious Potentate and I will join the group of distinguished men who have served in this same capacity before me. The joy and gratitude, which have filled me all during the time I have served in this honorable and distinctive office, cannot possibly be reckoned in mere words. The harmony and friendly cooperation that existed among the staff of excellently qualified men . . . my elected Divan, Temple Officers, and Appointed Officers . . . have pulsed as smoothly as daylight permeates a room.

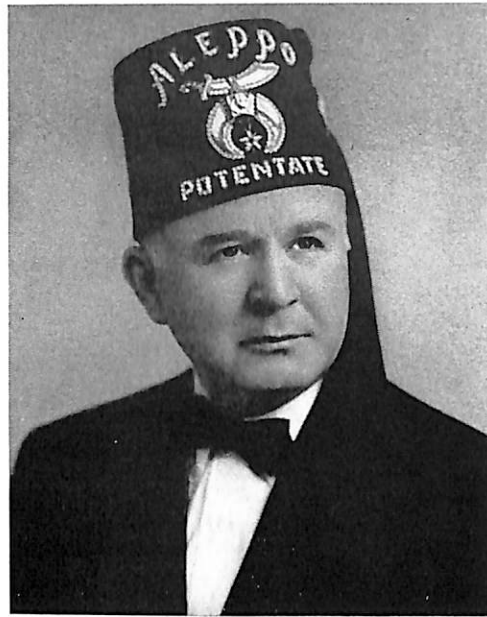
I am sure no Potentate has ever been associated with more loyal supporters than I. Gerald Zedren, Chief Rabban, and Herman McStay, Assistant Rabban, have been in complete accord with me in every problem and plan. George Weeks, High Priest and Prophet, and Manager of the Chanters, always gave unstintingly of his time and knowledge on every call. Edgar Turner, Oriental Guide, added so much to the existing harmony through his friendly cooperation. We were proud of him, too, when he became Master of his Lodge. His assistance at the Shrine Luncheons deserves special mention. Justin Duncan, Past Potentate and Treasurer, an experienced businessman and one who is very capable of advising with much wisdom, continues to keep our accounts in splendid order. Harvey Leggee, Recorder, with his store of knowledge, years of experience, and eagerness to please at all times, has been invaluable to me. Every Potentate realizes how limited he can be in all his efforts without the aid of a good Recorder. I am truly appreciative of his loyal and able assistance. Frederic Duncan, First Ceremonial Master, who continues to do such splendid work with the Third Degree Team, is always ready to be helpful. Francis Sagle, Second Ceremonial Master and Manager of the strikingly colorful Oriental Band, with his usual zeal in perfecting an assignment is an excellent addition to any group. Harold Todd, Outer Guard, is entirely dependable and always willing to serve. Clarence Bohanon, Steward, cannot be praised too highly for his efficiency in supervising the feeding of the thousands of men at the Ceremonials, and to their own satisfaction. What more can be said!

Past Potentate Russell Lynn has proved himself to be an outstanding Ceremonial Director. It is hard to imagine the tremendous amount of work required to make one of these Ceremonials click. They must be precision perfect; the proper spark at the proper time, and I know of no one who can perform this duty better than he. "Thank you, Russ, for doing a wonderful job!" As you all know, he is also Aleppo's representative on the Board of the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Springfield.

In the spring, when I appointed Hubert Bernard, Jr., Captain of the Guard, he organized a new company of men known as the Temple Guard. At the Ceremonial on November 27th they made their first appearance, resplendent in new green uniforms. I am proud of this appointment of "Barney" and the way these men performed their duties, and I know they will receive the honors due them as do all our other groups of fine Nobles who fill such important positions in Aleppo.

I want to express my very special appreciation to Colonel Benjamin Vaughan, Commander of our Uniformed Units, a group that continues to bring honors to us; Earl Weidner, competent Director of the Chanters, whose thrillingly beautiful voices are commanding more attention all the time; Frank Watson, Director of our Degree Staff, whose wonderful floor work and stunts at all of our Ceremonials during the year have caused much attention to be focused on them; Walter Smith, Bandmaster, of one of the finest groups of musicians anywhere, and they are an absolute necessity on many occasions; Frank Homer, Director of Ritualistic Work, who, with his Team, have made such an extraordinary showing all year; Dr. Louis Salerno, Chief Surgeon, for his untiring efforts to thoroughly examine all Nobles who participate in our parades and Ceremonial functions, assuring them of their fitness before performing their duties and all the Past Potentates who have so kindly offered their very able assistance.

I believe it is generally agreed that one of the most successful undertakings of my year was the resuming of the very popular Shrine Luncheons. As I have said before, it is a splendid way to bring so many of us together, creating an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends. Each one of our four



Illustrious Potentate Arthur G. MacKenzie

Luncheons was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd, and our head table always had a fine representation of prominent Masonic, social, civic and state personalities. Members of the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies occupied their special places and on two occasions we were honored by having Reverend Thomas Sherrard Roy, as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, share this hour with us and give the invocation with his usual impressiveness.

Our speakers were outstanding attractions themselves. "Bill" Cunningham, famous Commentator and Columnist, took over for our first Luncheon; next Noble George Fingold, Attorney General of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts; then Sumner Whittier, Lt. Governor of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and finally, our Senior Senator of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Noble Leverett Saltonstall. Each man delivered highly interesting messages, all thoroughly enjoyed.

I want to thank Fred Nickels, Chairman of the Luncheon Committee, who worked so earnestly to make these affairs a success; Walter Benson, Marshal, and his group who had charge of the tickets and the assignment of greeting the people, a job done in a most cordial way, and George Rowell, Chairman of the Speakers Committee, whose diligent efforts to help make these programs a success, relieved me of many responsibilities. I am sincerely appreciative to everyone who donated prizes which added a very happy touch. I have received innumerable letters, all carrying extremely favorable comments on each of these Shrine Luncheons.

I hope we have strengthened our friendly relations with other Shrine Temples throughout the Northeast. It has been a real pleasure for your Potentate and Officers to visit these many neighboring Temples, and we appreciate the opportunity given us to see their Ceremonial work.

The members of my Divan and I have enjoyed being included in so many good times among our home group. The gatherings given by the Band, Arab Patrol, Oriental Band, and the Chanters, at which your Potentate was a guest, were very pleasant occasions.

The awarding of special honors to members of our Organization hit a new high this year, and I want to salute each of these men who brought such distinction to themselves, especially Most Worshipful Whitfield W. Johnson, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. "Besides complimenting you, 'Whit', on receiving an honor so completely befitting to you and wishing you every good thing needed to make these the most joyous years for you, I want to express my sincere thanks for all your kindness, and the very capable and willing assistance you have given me this year. When I asked you to assist as First, and then Second Ceremonial Master, you served with the same great distinction as on every other occasion, of which there were many."

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Most Worshipful Whitfield W. Johnson, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

NOBLE JOHNSON ELECTED GRAND MASTER PAST POTENTATE LOMBARD HONORED

ILLUSTRIOUS Whitfield W. Johnson, 33° a Noble of Aleppo Temple for many years, was unanimously elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple on December 9.

The newly elected Grand Master was installed in office Monday, December 28, at the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge previous to the Annual Feast of St. John. Most Worshipful Whitfield W. Johnson succeeded Most Worshipful Thomas Sherrard Roy, who has served as Grand Master for the past three years.

One of the new Grand Master's acts on being installed was to appoint Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard of Aleppo Temple as Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, the highest appointed office in the Grand Lodge, and he becomes Acting Grand Master in the absence of the Grand Master from the State.

Illustrious Noble Lombard, who has filled many high offices in his Masonic career, will serve as the second highest ranking Mason in Massachusetts for the coming year. The Grand Master is elected for a term of one year and is usually re-elected twice

POTENTATE'S FINAL MESSAGE

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Willard Lombard, newly appointed Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Past Potentate, and Potentate's Representative of all the Shrine Clubs under our jurisdiction has, as in all his various achievements, done a most admirable job as head of the DeMolay in Massachusetts. I can never forget the truly inspiring manner in which he gave the "Charge" to the Candidates. "Thank you, Willard, for filling this request on all five occasions, and for the many courtesies you have extended to me always. I am sure this new assignment will be enhanced by your personal dignity and sincerity, and I know all the Nobles of Aleppo join with me in wishing you happiness and success all during your term in office."

Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., received his 33° in October, 1953, in Chicago. Being the recipient of high honors is no new experience for him. He is the first man of Aleppo who has served as Imperial Potentate, and we are all proud to claim him. Through his vigorous efforts and clever management, the Hippodrome of 1954 was a tremendous success, as are all the projects in which he becomes interested and takes an active part. "I wish you continued good luck, 'Bob' in all you set out to accomplish."

Past Potentate Arthur Sondheim received one of the highest honors in his long Masonic career, when he became Sovereign Prince of the Giles F. Yates Council, Princes of Jerusalem, an honor justly bestowed.

This has been a long message but, as I look it over, I can see nothing to leave out. Really, the tributes seem small for I could



Most Worshipful Willard P. Lombard, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

thereafter, serving as Grand Master for three years, and appoints a new Deputy Grand Master each year.

According to tradition, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is the third ranking of all Grand Lodges in the world and therefore the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts is the world's third ranking Mason.

The new Grand Master was born in Galva, Illinois; he attended Culver and Exeter and was graduated from Harvard in 1920 and Harvard Law School in 1923. He is a member of The Harvard Lodge, Newton Royal Arch Chapter, St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, K.T., and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Boston where he served as Sovereign Prince of Giles Fonda Yates Council in 1951, 1952 and 1953. He served the Grand Lodge as Judge Advocate from 1938 to 1953, and had the very unique experience of serving as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge under three Grand Masters. He was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1948, and was a recipient of the coveted Henry Price Medal in 1944.

Grand Master Johnson, who is a partner in the law firm of Holland and Johnson, was created an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, in 1950.

never completely express my sincere gratitude to all you very wonderful people who have walked this glorious path with me. I have seriously endeavored to encourage good fellowship and cement friendships between our own Shrine Temple and the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Blue Lodges, and Masonry in general. It has ended with my having lived one of the happiest years of my life, richly rewarded with gaining new friends, keeping the old ones, and chalking up countless unforgettable, pleasant experiences. But not for a single instant have I forgotten that it all *began* because of my very dear friend, Justin Duncan, who appointed me in line. "I will be everlastingly grateful to you, 'Jus', and hope that you and all the grand Nobles who elected me Illustrious Potentate will feel that my year is worth recording in the history of Aleppo."

Arthur G. MacKenzie

JUDGE KINDLY

Don't expect perfection in a man just because he is a Shriner. If you do you will be disappointed. Shrinedom makes men better, but no human agency makes men perfect. If he is a Shriner you have a right to presume he is a fairly good man, but do not condemn Shrinedom even if a few Shriners turn out bad. Even the Great Teacher himself had a Judas. The aim and purposes of Shrinedom is to receive none but good men, keep them good and make them better. Judge the Order, not by a few failures, but by the average of its successes. That average is high and it consequently gives a standard of quality far above reproach.

ILLUSTRIOUS MELVIN M. JOHNSON RETIRES

UPON his return from a recent South American trip, Illustrious Melvin M. Johnson, 33° Active for Massachusetts and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the A. A. S. R. for the United States of America, announced his retirement, effective December 31, 1953.

Dr. Johnson, a member of Aleppo Temple for many years, has been Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council and its subordinate bodies of more than 400,000 Scottish Rite Masons located east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mason-Dixon Line since 1933.

Illustrious George E. Bushnell, 33°, of Michigan, Grand Lieutenant Commander of the Supreme Council, took over the duties of office ex-officio until the regular business meeting and election of officers to be held in Boston next September.

NOBLES OF ALFPPO TEMPLE:

Your Chairman is happy to report that our 11th Aleppo Shrine show at the Boston Garden, this past autumn, was an outstanding success. "Hippodrome of 1954" was the best ever. Financially, the net sum of \$17,750 has been paid into the treasury of Aleppo Temple. As a matter of public relations, it again assured a wonderful afternoon of enjoyment and pleasure for thousands of underprivileged children as guests of Aleppo Temple Nobles, from no less than 107 different institutions and agencies in Metropolitan Boston, irrespective of race, color, or creed.

Our membership will be gratified to learn that to date these eleven Boston Garden shows have realized a total of \$142,586.88 for Aleppo Temple, of which no less than \$21,916.88 has been already applied to the purchase of uniforms and regalia for our Uniformed Units, \$764.00 has been applied during 1953 by the Temple toward Charity payments, and \$119,906.00 is now held in our Circus Fund.

MASONIC ANTIQUITY

MASONIC authorities differ in their interpretation of the antiquity of the Fraternity, but all seem to agree in that it has existed in some form for thousands of years.

One of the new tangible objects attesting to the antiquity of Masonry today is the great Obelisk, or Cleopatra's Needle as it is popularly known, which reaches back to the Masonry of more than 3,000 years ago. This Obelisk is now located in Central Park, New York City.

In 1881 the Khedive of Egypt presented it to the United States. After it was removed from its base upon which it had rested undisturbed for nearly 3,000 years, there was found embedded in the cement, harder than the rock itself, the emblem of the Square and Compass and Level.

As in previous years all items of income and expenditure have been subject to audit by Kammler & Hasker, C.P.A. All money received has been deposited, and paid out only by check requiring the signature of the Chairman against vouchers. While it has not been considered necessary or advisable to incur the expense of mailing out a detailed financial report to all of our more than 14,000 members — many of whom do not participate — all records and reports of this and each preceding venture, after completion of the annual audit, are available for inspection by any interested Noble on request made to your chairman.

It will greatly aid final closing of our books for "Hippodrome of 1954" by the auditor, if such few Nobles as have still failed to account for coupons sold, exchanged, or not returned, will do so forthwith.

Following is our Third "Daddy List."

Yours with and in the Faith,

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
Chairman

Harold A. Budreau
Paul M. Cotting
Gordon N. Lyons
Dr. Stephan Kay
John H. Privitera
Alden C. Bertrand
Harold J. Steeves
Raymond Fearley
Maurice H. Jaffe
Ray E. Kinne

George D. Wilson
Charles Dorr
Berg Keshlan
Arthur E. King
Samuel MacLeod
Edmund F. Herrick
John E. Eaton, Jr.
Robert A. Friberg
Indalecio D. Otero
Aris George Vargis

Harold Bates
Sumner Berenson
Walter C. Cooper
J. Arthur Gibson
Edward H. Johnson
Bernard J. Lebowitz
Charles A. MacDonald
Louis C. Eldam
Louis M. Eldam
William Shaw

Capt. Francis Russell
Max Davis
Herbert Davis
Clement Jaeger
George Wilkinson
Joseph L. Wehrle
George F. Woodle
Thomas R. Brown
Harry Shooker
Samuel Simpson

John G. Barnhardt
Nathan Brown
William Crompton
Elliott M. Davidson
William E. Doten
William Dronsfeld
George Ginsberg

David J. Gordon
Charles H. Gray
John Grundy
Norman W. Hoar
Amos K. Hobby
Morris B. Jeffrey
F. Payson LeBaron
Samuel D. Levine
Walter M. Gaffney
Isador Zimmon

Walter H. Hadley
Albert L. Saunders
Mitchell Braff
Sherman Kramer
Benjamin H. Newhall
Benjamin R. Wilcon
G. Melville Goddard
Charles H. Hasker
Walter F. Kammler
Lewis H. Norcott, Jr.

George Nelson Brown
Harold F. Brown
Frank E. Bryant
Henry Allen Chase
Harry S. Chinlan
Alexander E. Cohen
Chester V. Emerson
Joseph Allan Hines
William F. James
Walter L. King

James A. MacLellan
Malcolm C. McNie
Max Myers
Salvatore W. Oliver
Jack Pach
William Parkinson
Elwood W. Prario
Alvin R. Reid
William W. Savage
Alton J. Smith

Henry L. Thuotte
Arnold Tuck
Irving Fradkoff
Gordon R. French
Norman E. Jones
Samuel Levine
Norman G. Macdonald

Joseph Haskell
Lawrence Shearer
Clifford F. Danforth
Fauthal A. Hassan
Julius Katz
Walter Nelson
Harvey Pineo
Gordon M. Stevens
Eben J. Noel
Maurice Snyder

Clarence J. McKenzie
Carl A. Anderson
Eugene Brown
W. Edward Burke
E. Fraser Collins
Wilbur F. Eldridge
John W. Fish
Harry A. Gilbert
Leroy W. Haxton
Nelson A. Marineau

Stanley D. Martin
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Percy J. L. Peardon
Harold N. Pike
George H. Salter
Frank Thorley
Forest H. Ward
Sarkis M. Zartarian
Herman Gilbert Bunker
Melvin B. Clayton

Maurice Shadis
Nicholas H. Despotopoulos
Peter H. Despotopoulos
Samuel M. Goran
Nassur A. Hassan
Theodore A. Holland
Arthur F. Lambert
H. Charles Mehlsak
Arthur Young
Louis Segal

Gustaf Johnson
J. Warren Killam, Jr.
Byron W. Mable
Daniel Wormword
Walter J. Davidson
Herbert Goldman
Carl I. Parker

Charles McLean Taylor
Murdoch H. MacDonald
Henry H. Adolph
Leslie Barclay
J. Seymour Diehl
George F. Renkert
Clayton D. Robinson
John A. Willson
Samuel Ginsberg
Samuel Silverman

Peter N. Stamas
Edwin M. Bailey
Francis Cleary
Charles Courage
Charles H. Fullerton
Howard Klein
August H. Morton
Edwin H. Morse
Walter M. Jackson
William A. Lackey

Thomas C. Rowen
Edward Adolph
Richard Berry
F. Allan Blomstrom
Oscar M. Fuller
Otis W. Gould
John J. Green
Jacob Kaplan
Henry E. Keough
Frank I. Levine

Henry Muncherian
Austin Oberacker
George H. Tower
Aubrey A. Williams
John D. Cooke
Freeman Ferris
Howard M. Linstead
Albert H. Morris
Ralph M. Schadt
Benjamin A. Fullerton

Whitfield W. Johnson
Harry Thornton
Harlan L. Richardson
Francis D. Collings
Gilbert W. Cox
Earl J. Roberts
William Gillis

John L. Laganas
William Duncan
William Simkins
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Harry N. Bloomfield
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Herbert W. Hastings
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Walter Downing
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Jake S. Braunig
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Frank Labb
Ellis R. Watts
Willard E. Bonnell

Gustaf R. Berg
Edmund Henry
Ernest Cutter
William D. Laundrie
David Waxler
Charles Fine
Donald H. Whittemore
Gerry L. Brooks
Norman Lipman
Charles Kane

S. E. Matheson
C. Alexander
Nathan Zibel
R. S. Webster
George Robertson
Henry Fisher
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Gordon Hollingworth
James M. Fortune

William H. Hayes
Bertram Druker
John Druker
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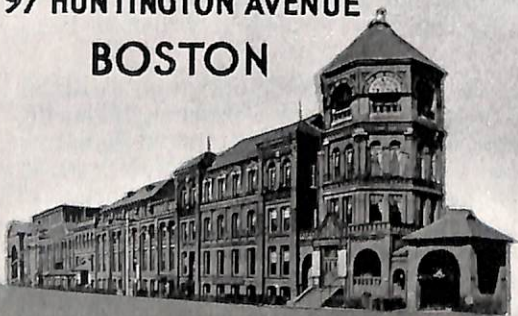
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**SPRING CEREMONIAL and
OFFICIAL VISITATION of the IMPERIAL POTENTATE
ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE REMMIE L. ARNOLD**

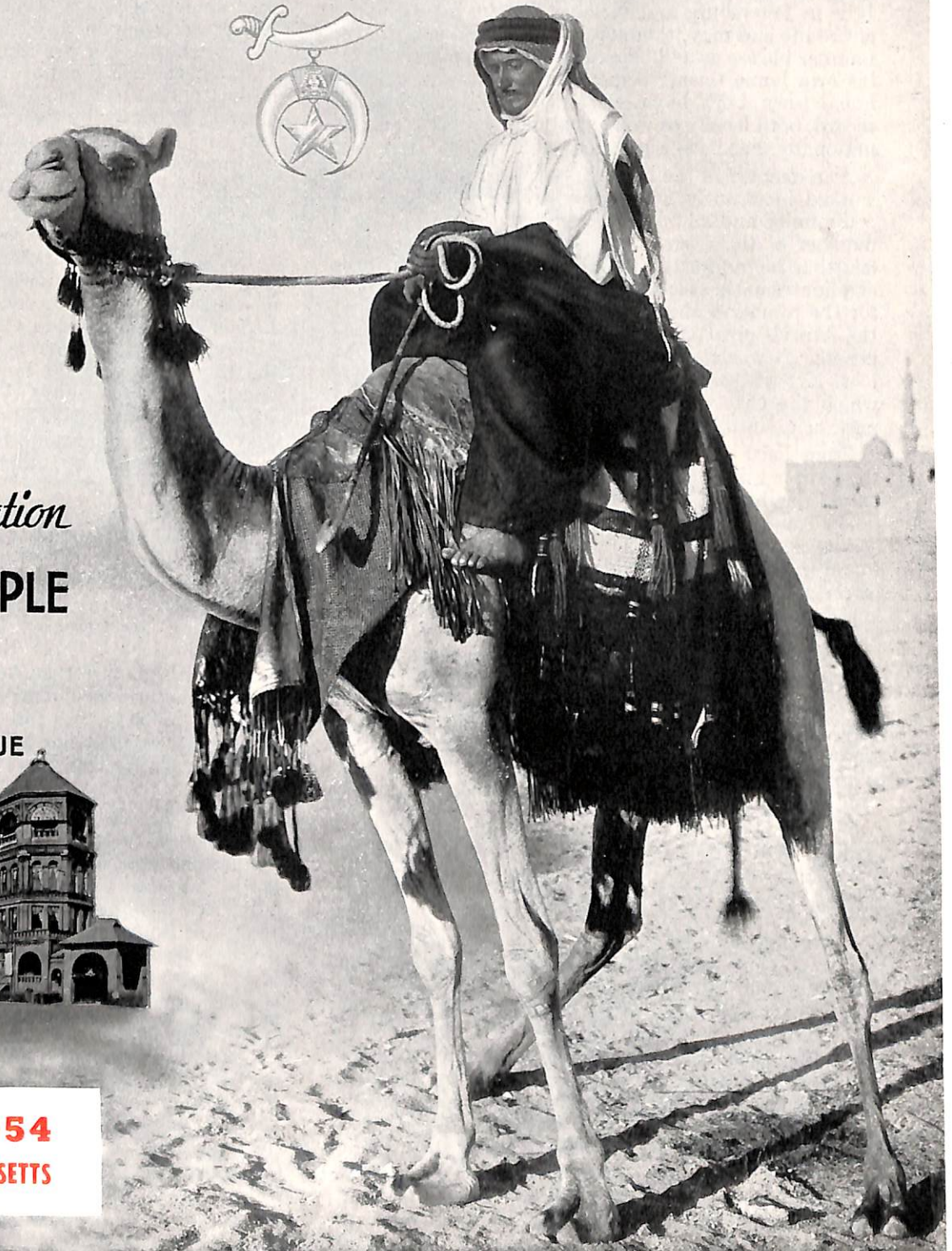


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Introducing the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America

IMPERIAL SIR

REMMIE LeROY ARNOLD

REMMIE LeROY ARNOLD is the third Virginian and the second member of Acca Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Richmond, to become Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. He is the sixty-fourth Noble to occupy that exalted office since the birth of the Imperial Council in the year 1876.

It was in the year 1894, in the City of Petersburg, Virginia, that Rennie Arnold first saw the light of day. It is in Petersburg and vicinity that he has spent his entire life and may, therefore, be described aptly in the familiar phrase as a "home town boy who made good in his own home town," something which not too many home town boys have succeeded in doing. For his record, both locally as well as nationally and even internationally, has been a most enviable one.

As a member of the Petersburg City Council Rennie worked incessantly for the improvement of his home community and all Southside Virginia. He served as a member of the Council for eight years, receiving the last time he ran for this office the largest vote of all the candidates in that election. He has probably done more for the retention and development of Fort Lee, one of the Army's great training centers, than any other one person. It was also largely through his efforts that the local airport, costing one and a half million dollars, of which the City of Petersburg paid only a very small part, came into being.

From local prominence Rennie soon stepped into the national limelight. His enthusiasm and personality have brought him to the attention of thousands of his fellow countrymen as well as of notables in many other countries. The climax of all these activities is to be found in the fact that he has been chosen to head four of the most outstanding national organizations of our land: the American War Dads, the Circus Saints and Sinners, the Southern States Industrial Council, and now the Shriners of North America. It has been rightly said that this last office, that of Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, with its nearly 700,000 members, is not only one of the most sought after but one of the most important honors and responsibilities which can come to any man.

As National President of the American War Dads for two years (1943-1945) Rennie was invited by Lord Halifax, then British Ambassador to the United States, to make a six weeks' tour of England during World War II. As a guest of the British government he visited American camps and hospitals in England and inspected British war plants. He was presented to Parliament and held conferences with Prime Minister Churchill and other top British officials. While in England Rennie received an invitation from General Eisenhower to visit Allied Headquarters and later received an opportunity to visit the front line of all the American operations in the European and Mediterranean theatres, so that he might report to the American people first-hand what was happening on the battle fronts in that part of the world. On his return he traveled over the entire United States at his own expense — more than 100,000 miles in all — reporting directly to the American people on his experiences in Europe and Africa. He also wrote more than 5,000

letters directly to the parents of the men and women in the service, with whom he had talked in the hospitals and camps and on the battle fronts.

Rennie has also served officially in many other organizations, including the B.P.O. Elks (Exalted Ruler and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler). His membership in and contributions to the Virginia Manufacturers Association, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Industry Advisory Committee of the Office of Price Administration in Washington, and a score of other such groups has been a matter of wide acclaim.

Rennie began his Masonic career when he became a Master Mason in Powhatan Starke Lodge No. 124 of Petersburg, Virginia. That same year he received the Scottish Rite degrees through the 32° in the Richmond (Virginia) Bodies. In 1930 he became a Royal Arch Mason in Petersburg Union Chapter No. 7, also a Knight Templar in Appomattox Commandery No. 6, of Petersburg. Further Masonic recognition has come to him in the fact that he became a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in 1951. During World War II he served as chairman of the Masonic War Service Commission of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Virginia, making a notable contribution to the Masonic program of Virginia during that period.

For a number of years he has also been a member of the Committee on Endowment for the Masonic Home of Virginia. He has received the Honorary degree of Legion of Honor, Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay for Boys. Rennie also holds membership in the Royal Order of Scotland, Royal Order of Jesters, and Samis Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. The Fort Lee-Richmond Chapter No. 72 of National Sojourners and The James Monroe Camp, Heroes of '76, both Masonic military organizations, have also honored him with a membership.

He crossed the hot sands and became a member of Acca Temple, Richmond, Virginia, in November, 1928. The following year (1929) he became President of the Petersburg Shrine Club, and he was appointed by the Potentate of Acca Temple as his representative in Petersburg. He was also elected to the Board of Directors of Acca Temple Building Corporation.

In 1941 Rennie served Acca Temple as its Potentate. During his term as Potentate the Temple was cleared of all its indebtedness and large classes of candidates were initiated, including a historic ceremonial in Richmond on December 6, 1941 (the day before Pearl Harbor).

In 1946 he was chosen by acclamation and without opposition to the office of Imperial Marshal, advancing regularly up the line until he became Imperial Potentate at the Imperial Council Session held in New York in July, 1953. On his return home from San Francisco in 1946, also from New York in 1953, he received a hero's welcome from the people of Virginia and his home town of Petersburg, including parades and other ceremonies almost unmatched in Virginia history so far as the Shrine is concerned.

His ability has been recognized by many outstanding publications. He is listed in *Who's Who in America*; *Who's Who in Virginia*; *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry*; *The Biographical Encyclopedia of the World*; the *International Blue Book of World Notables*; the *Commonwealth Magazine* in article "Virginians in the Public Eye"; *Look Magazine* as Outstanding Leader; selected in *Dixie Business* as one of South's fifty foremost Business Leaders.



IMPERIAL POTENTATE REMMIE LeROY ARNOLD

A Message from The Imperial Potentate

EVERY year during the month of January, the Imperial Potentate calls together all of the officers of the Imperial Divan, the Hospital Board and the Committee Chairman for a meeting some place in the United States. This year it was my privilege to call this meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia. It is needless for me to go into details telling you about Williamsburg.

We had a most outstanding meeting and I came away most happy and pleased with the wonderful unity and harmony and interest that was manifested in both the Hospital Board meeting and the Imperial Divan meeting. Yes, we transacted business of importance, as many of you will hear about a little later on. I just wish that each and every Noble of North America could sit in on one of these Hospital Board meetings or Imperial Divan meetings to see the seriousness of these outstanding men whom you have elected to transact your business just as if it were their own business, and handling the money affairs just as if it were their own.

Not a single one was absent, to answer the call of your Imperial Potentate. We had a four-day meeting, working from early in the morning until late at night. We had a few differences here and there, but harmonious in every respect and in complete accord of mind. These men, of course, come from all parts of the United States and leave their busy tasks at home and serve without pay, serve because of their love of the Shrine, serve because they feel that they are doing a great work for Masonry, for Shrinedom, and for the crippled children's Hospitals. There is not a selfish motive in their minds.

I want to impress upon each and every one of you that you belong to the greatest fraternal organization in the world. Why do I say that? Because we sponsor the greatest philanthropy in the world, the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. To each and every member of the Hospital Board and to each and every member of the Imperial Divan, and to the Committee Chairmen, I want to extend my sincere thanks and tell you that I am grateful to you for the wonderful work that you are performing.

Rennie LeRoy Arnold
Imperial Potentate



MEET THE LIVING PAST POTENTATES OF ALEPPO TEMPLE



Ill. HARRY G. POLLARD
January 1937-1938



HON. ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
Potentate January 1940-1944
Imperial Potentate 1951-1952



ILLUSTRIOUS CLARENCE J. MCKENZIE
January 1935-1936
Senior Living Past Potentate



Ill. JAMES J. CURRY
January 1939-1940



Ill. WILLARD P. LOMBARD
January 1944-1945



Ill. ARTHUR A. SONDHEIM
January 1945-1946



Ill. JUSTIN A. DUNCAN
January 1947-1948



Ill. FRANK B. ELLS
July 1948 - January 1950



Ill. N. RUSSELL LYNN
January 1950-1951



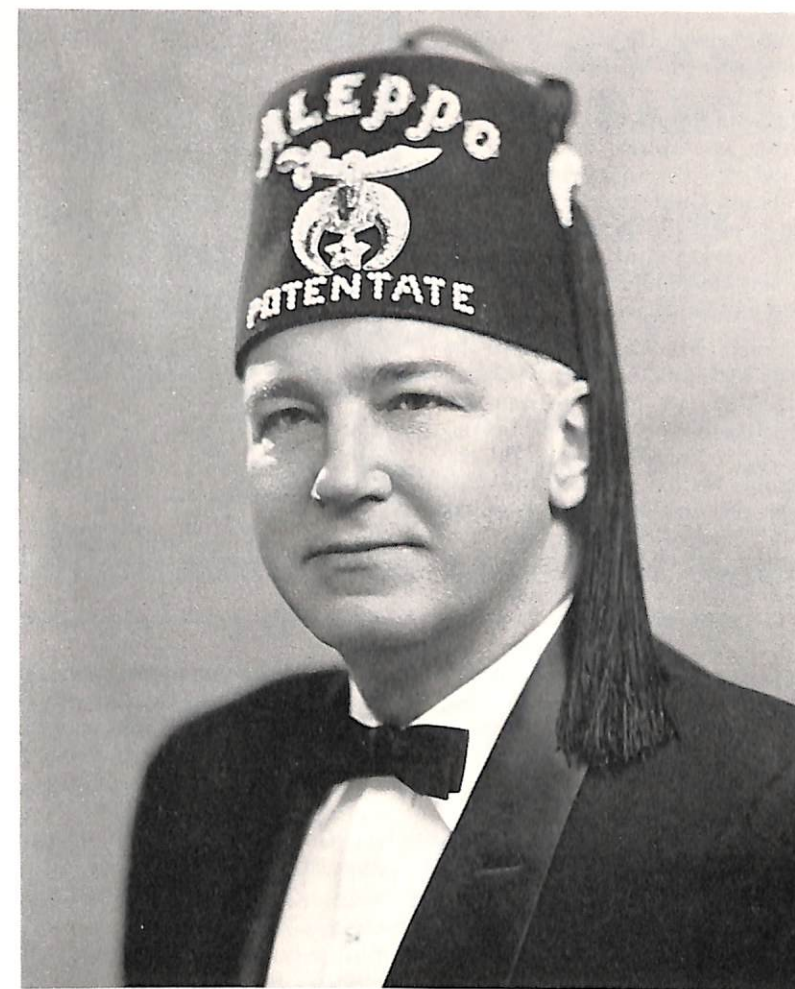
Ill. ANDREW S. SEILER
January 1951-1952



Ill. LAWSON W. OAKES
January 1952-1953



Ill. ARTHUR G. MACKENZIE
January 1953-1954



ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE GERALD F. ZEDREN

A Message from Your Potentate

Dear Nobles:

At our Spring Ceremonial, Friday, June 11, we are to honor our Imperial Potentate . . . Imperial Sir Rennie L. Arnold. This meeting has been designated as "Rennie L. Arnold Night," and we are hoping to have a large class to do him honor.

Being your Potentate has been a real thrill to me, and I have enjoyed the affairs run by our various Units and the many visits to other Shrine Temples. It hardly seems possible that after this Ceremonial one half of my year will have gone by. However, in this short space of time, renewing old friendships and making new ones among the Nobility has been a real joy.

Our new Membership Committee is doing an excellent job, and I know we will go beyond our goal of "A Thousand or More in '54."

To the various Units that are doing such an outstanding job . . . the Patrol, Band, Mounted Patrol,

Oriental Band, Chanters, Temple Guard, Degree Staff, and Ritualistic Team . . . my heartfelt thanks. You boys have helped in a large degree in maintaining the high standard which Aleppo holds in all of Shrine-dom.

Naturally, it is my purpose to endeavor to maintain constantly the high standard of the fine Nobles who have preceded me as Potentate of Aleppo. It is also my pledge to do everything in my power to uphold the enviable standing our Temple has attained through their efforts.

We have many interesting and worthwhile affairs coming up which I know you will all enjoy and wish to be a part of. Full details will be given to you as soon as the plans are completed.

Until we meet again in the Fall, may I wish for you all a wonderful summer, and may "Peace Be On You."

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

Gerald F. Zedren

Illustrious Potentate

NATIONAL SHRINERS HOSPITAL DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1954

THE 33rd Anniversary of the Shriners Hospital Movement will be commemorated June 13 with the inauguration of "National Shriners Hospital Day." As a part of the day's program, each of the 17 Shriners Hospitals located in the United States, Canada, Hawaii, and Mexico will invite the public to visit our Hospitals and view the work being done for crippled children, regardless of race, creed, or color, and without a cent of cost to any child or parent. Members of Aleppo Temple and their families and friends are invited to visit our New England Unit of the Shriners Hospital, located at Springfield, Massachusetts, and assist in this Anniversary Program.

The Mutual Broadcasting System has officially booked the "National Shriners Hospital Day" program from 9:30 to 10:00 P.M., (E.D.T.) Sunday, June 13. The program will originate in New York Radio Station WOR, with Imperial Potentate Rennie L. Arnold as the leadoff speaker. He will be introduced by Illustrious Noble Walter A. DeLamater and then Station WGN in Chicago will present Deputy Imperial Potentate Frank S. Land from Chicago, Illinois, after which Station KFRC in San Francisco will take the lead with musical numbers by West Coast Temples. Chairman of the Program, Illustrious Noble William S. Coffman, will present Past Imperial Potentate Galloway Calhoun, with a response by Illustrious Noble John D. McGilvray. Naturally, these several talks will be limited in time and will be interspersed with choral numbers for variety.

TEMPLE GUARD

THE Temple Guard of Aleppo Temple was organized in the Spring of 1953, by the then Illustrious Potentate Arthur G. MacKenzie and the present Captain of the Guard, Hubert N. Bernard, Jr. At the organization meeting there were seventy-five Nobles present who were interested in joining the organization. As the most recently organized uniformed unit of the Aleppo Temple, it began its duties at the Ceremonial of June 19, 1953, adding another sizable and colorful group to the pageantry of our Ceremonials.



A "GUEST" OF THE SHRINERS at our Springfield Hospital plays "Host" to Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Aleppo Potentate Gerald F. Zedren, Melha Potentate Victor F. Greis, and Hospital Board Chairman Donald H. Mudd.

It effectively maintains the security of the Temple during Ceremonials by seeing that only eligible Nobles are admitted and greatly assists Potentate Gerald F. Zedren and his officers at Ceremonials and other Shrine activities.

The Captain of the Guard has a very capable and energetic assistant in Noble Willard C. Lombard, Deputy Captain of the Guard. Noble Lombard is also Assistant Director of Shrine Clubs.

There are at present fifty-four members, including the Captain of the Guard, Deputy Captain, a Sergeant and two Lieutenants.

The uniform of the Guard is a green coat, maroon tie, fez, tuxedo trousers and black shoes.

The members now are forming a Temple Guard Club so that they may have social functions and dinners for their own group.



THE POTENTATE OF ALEPPO, his Officers, Past Potentates and ladies during a recent visit to the New England Unit of the Shriners Hospitals at Springfield.

ALEPPO TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S. IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S CEREMONIAL

In honor of Illustrious Noble

REMMIE L. ARNOLD

Imperial Potentate of The Shrine of North America

Friday, June 11, 1954

The 9th Day of the 10th Month, SHAUWAL in the Year 1373

Mechanics Building, Boston

Entrance - 99 Huntington Avenue

FULL FORM CEREMONIAL and STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

WEAR YOUR FEZ — YOUR 1954 SHRINE CARD WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

AFTERNOON MEETING 3:30 P.M. PAUL REVERE HALL

BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES BUSINESS MEETING

The following amendment of the By-Laws of Aleppo Temple, which was acted upon and defeated at the last business meeting of the Temple, was re-submitted and will come up for action at the business meeting to be held in Paul Revere Hall, Mechanics Building, Boston, on Friday, June 11, 1954, at 3:30 P.M.

"Moved to strike out Section 3 of Article VI of the By-Laws, substituting in place thereof the following:

"Section 3. The annual dues of this Temple shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) in advance, payable to the Recorder on or before the first day in January of each year; any member who fails to pay his dues as aforesaid and who, on January 1, is also in arrears for dues, or hospital assessment, for a previous year, shall stand suspended from membership in Aleppo Temple as of December 31 of such preceding year unless, prior to January 31, payment is made of said arrears for such preceding year. The Temple may, by affirmative vote of the Temple, remit delinquent dues of a member or members, for good and sufficient cause shown either to the Temple or the Finance Committee. This section shall be effective December 31, 1954."

RITUAL WORK IN FULL FORM

SPECIAL NOTICE — PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Petitions to be acted on at this meeting must be in the Recorder's office not later than 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 9, 1954 (two working days before the meeting).

BUFFET DINNER - - - 4:45 TO 6:45 P.M.

Grand Banquet Hall, Mechanics Building Doors open to Banquet Hall at 4:45 P.M.

EVENING MEETING 6:20 P. M., GRAND HALL

GRAND ENTRANCE
BUSINESS MEETING
BAND CONCERT-ORGAN CONCERT
ARAB PATROL DRILL
EVENING PARADE AND REVIEW

ALEPPO CHANTERS
ORIENTAL BAND
INDUCTION OF CANDIDATES
SECOND SECTION WORK BY DEGREE STAFF
GRAND VAUDEVILLE SHOW

Attest:

Harvey B. Legge
Recorder

Gerald F. Zedren
Illustrious Potentate

WHY BE A POTENTATE

YOUR Potentate is all supreme, but at the same time he is only human. He completes his term of office well nigh exhausted, with ruined disposition, pounds lighter in weight, with many more gray hairs (or bald-headed), a depleted purse, a larger assortment of enemies, and a total stranger to his family. So go easy on him, Nobles, and to better understand him, read this article.

We wonder if the Nobility realize the amount of work connected with the office of Potentate of a Temple the size of Aleppo. No one, unless he has been active in the affairs of the Temple, can be aware of the many calls made upon the Potentate. He is supposed to be a Tsar, but while he has a great deal of authority, it is customary for him to be governed by the findings of the different committees who handle the details of their particular activity.

He is a member of all committees and sits in at most of the conferences so knows what is going on. He at times makes suggestions as to what he would like done, which, if agreeable, are approved by the committee.

While these committees take a great load from the shoulders of the Potentate, there are many problems which demand his personal attention. It is for him to decide as to social affairs, programs of activity, and the policy to be followed. After he has made his decisions the proper committees attend to the details.

The Potentate is the head of the organization, the front which is seen by the public, all public notices come from him, he represents the Temple to the world at large, he sees to the entertainment and welcome of distinguished guests, he represents Aleppo at outside functions, at ceremonials of sister Temples and upon numberless other occasions.

Among a membership as large as ours, there are many conflicting opinions, different kinds of people, different interests, different ideas as to what should be done, and these different groups each go to the Potentate with their plans and suggestions. He must diplomatically iron out their complaints, endeavor to bring the different groups to the same thinking, must get them all pulling one way, and still keep them satisfied.

He must listen to all who come to him, he must attend all meetings of the Temple, most of the social functions, many committee meetings, and must show a personal interest in each working unit of the Temple.

He must consult with the Recorder as to the method to be followed in the matter of correspondence with the membership and in our relations with other Temples. He must see to it that the work assigned to others has been completed in a satisfactory manner, he must devise new schemes for the entertainment of the Nobility and their families, he must keep in touch with the out-of-town members; he must see that our public appearances are dignified and worthy of our reputation, he must exercise a general supervision over all the affairs of the Temple.

He must listen to the personal complaints and the private troubles of all who care to confide in him, and must endeavor to help them in a sympathetic manner. He is pestered from morning until night by those who would put something over on us, and by those Nobles who have some ax to grind. He must be on the lookout for anything which would react to our disadvantage. He must neglect his business, his family, his friends and ordinary social life. He must risk his health by late hours, his nervous system by the constant calls upon his strength and through it all he must be the "hail fellow well met."

These are only a few of the things expected of a Potentate; there are many others too numerous to mention; frankly, it is a wonder that any Noble would take the job as a gift.

Think it over, put yourself in his place, and think twice before you criticize him for some action which you may not entirely understand; he may have the best of reasons for so doing. We should thank our lucky stars that any man is self-sacrificing enough and loyal enough to Aleppo Temple and Shrinedom in general to cheerfully assume all the work, grief, disappointments, cares and obligations which come with the office of Potentate.

SHRINEDOM IN NORTH AMERICA

January 1, 1954

Shrine Temples

NUMBER OF SHRINE TEMPLES	165
SHRINE MEMBERSHIP AT JAN. 1, 1954	718,300
—SYRIA	22,601
FOUR LARGEST TEMPLES—AL MALAIKAH	19,233
—MEDINAH	18,973
—ALEPPO	14,207
STATE WITH LARGEST SHRINE POPULATION, PENNSYLVANIA	63,961
STATE WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF SHRINE TEMPLES, TEXAS	11
NUMBER OF TEMPLES IN CANADA	9
NUMBER OF TEMPLES IN MEXICO	1
NUMBER OF TEMPLES IN HAWAII	1
NUMBER OF TEMPLES IN CANAL ZONE	1
NUMBER OF SHRINE TEMPLE ASSOCIATIONS	14

Shrine Hospitals

NUMBER OF SHRINE HOSPITALS	17
TOTAL BED CAPACITY	1,006
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS HOLDING HOSPITAL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	195,199

Imperial Council Session

DATES OF 1954 IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION	JUNE 30, JULY 1-2
PLACE	ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.
REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING:	
AD VITAM	15
EMERITUS	61
AT LARGE	13
HONORARY	2
APPOINTED	2
ELECTED	654
TOTAL	747

Representatives from Aleppo Temple:

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR., P.I.P. (At Large)	
WILLARD P. LOMBARD, P.P. (Appointed)	
GERALD F. ZEDREN	HARVEY B. LEGGEE
HERMAN C. McSTAY	ARTHUR G. MacKENZIE, P.P.

NEW APPOINTMENTS BY POTENTATE

APPOINTMENTS made by Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren since the printing of the list of Officers and Committees following the Annual Meeting last January include Junior Past Potentate Arthur G. MacKenzie as a member of the Executive Committee; Laurence M. Jackson, Aide to the Potentate; Willard C. Lombard, Deputy Captain of the Guard; and Carlton S. Redmond, Aide to the Potentate.

PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE WILSON APPOINTED

NOBLES of Aleppo Temple will be pleased to learn of the recent appointment of Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Boston, as one of the thirteen members of the Board of Trustees of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Imperial Potentate Rennie L. Arnold announced the appointment which he made to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Judge Clyde I. Webster of Moslem Temple of Detroit.

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN
THE WORLD'S GREATEST PHILANTHROPY

By Past Potentate N. Russell Lynn, Hospital Board Member

SHRINERS Hospitals for Crippled Children are the only 100 per cent charity work in the world because our Hospitals are operated by local Boards of Governors that serve without pay. Each one hundred cents of our Hospital dollar goes to cure crippled children. Our charity history is enviable among like organizations.

The Springfield Unit, located at 516 Carew Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, one of seventeen Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children located in North America, cares for most New England cases, and is a real "House of Magic." It is located on a high elevation overlooking the city and where cheerfulness, sunshine, and happiness prevail. About one hundred persons are required to operate this beautiful hospital and care of the sixty children which it is equipped to serve.

Nobles, you have a right to be proud of your membership in the Shrine. To date, the Shrine Hospitals have permanently cured or materially helped thousands of little crippled children. When we say cured, we mean just that, because some of the boys and girls, who were helped by the donations of us Shriners, served the United States in the last World War — and Uncle Sam doesn't take cripples into his Services.

Besides the warm friendships, the gay festivity and the rich grandeur of Shrine activity, there is another more tender side to life in the Shrine. For beneath the gaily colored fabric of oriental splendor that surrounds Aleppo and every other Shrine Temple, there is a warm and tender heart composed of fond care and strong support for the nationwide program of Children's Hospitals.

To these Hospitals come maimed and crippled children from every section of our land, children whose parents are unable to send them to pay institutions. To them we are the only recourse for a normal, useful life, because they share the hopeless combination of poverty and a crippling disability. It is our purpose — or perhaps our privilege — to be able to straighten their bent limbs, revive their spirits, and teach them the interests of normal children. In doing this we not only mend them, we mend the broken hearts in their homes as well.

Since the beginning of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, approximately one quarter million crippled children have been rehabilitated so that they could become self-supporting citizens throughout their lives. In addition, untold thousands have been given treatment, with outstanding results, in the clinics or out-patient departments.

Carrying on this merciful work, which has grown until it has become the world's greatest philanthropy, has cost Shriners a staggering sum of money; but, oh! the joy we derive from seeing these little ones made well. Think of it — 250,000 dependent ones transformed into a mighty army of self-supporting citizens.

We rejoice that many charitable-minded friends are joining with the Wearers of the Red Fez in this glorious work by means of gifts, wills and bequests and voluntary contributing



THE FUTURE OF SHRINEDOM rests in the hands of the Illustrious Nobles above, who comprise the Imperial Divan of the Shrine of North America.
Front, l. to r.: Dr. Clayton F. Andrews, Imp. 1st Ceremonial Master; Thomas W. Melham, Imp. H.P. and P.; Walter C. Guy, Imp. Chief Rabbah; Rennie L. Arnold, Imp. Potentate; Frank S. Land, Deputy Imp. Potentate; Gerald D. Cray, Imp. Asst. Rabbah; George E. Stringfellow, Imp. Oriental Guide; Rear, l. to r.: Harold C. Close, Imp. Outer Guard; Marshall M. Porter, Imp. Marshal; Leonard P. Steuart, Imp. Treasurer; George M. Saunders, Imp. Recorder; George A. Mattison, Jr., Imp. 2nd Ceremonial Master; George M. Klepper, Imp. Capt. of the Guard.

memberships and through the purchase of life insurance policies naming our hospitals as beneficiary.

Because the Springfield Unit of the Shriners Hospitals serves us here in New England, it is probable that donors, and those making bequests, will wish this Unit to benefit from their generosity. In such cases, a will should read: "I give, devise and bequeath unto Springfield Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, a Massachusetts Corporation, the sum of Dollars (\$) absolutely, to be used exclusively for the benefit of this Hospital, located in the City of Springfield, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, owned, operated and maintained by said Corporation."

ALEPPO TEMPLE THIRD DEGREE TEAMS

by Noble Frederic B. Duncan

THE Aleppo Temple Third Degree Teams were organized in 1947 by Rt. Wor. Justin A. Duncan, the then Potentate of Aleppo Temple, with Rt. Wor. Frederic B. Duncan as Director. Two teams were formed at that time, the Aleppo Temple Third Degree Team for the Boston District under the direction of Wor. Edgar H. Patterson, and the North Shore Third Degree Team under the direction of Wor. Frederick P. Haydock. All of the officers making up these teams are Past Masters of their respective Blue Lodges and members of Aleppo Temple.

During the seven years the teams have been organized, they have visited a great number of lodges in the Boston, Cape Cod and North Shore districts to exemplify the work of the Third Degree in Long Form.

The attendance at these meetings have been tremendous and beyond the expectations of the lodges and in many instances taxed the capacity of the hall. On many of these occasions the Illustrious Potentate and his Divan have attended as honored guests of the Lodge, and on special occasions the new Aleppo Chanters have assisted in the work.

The general purpose in organizing these teams was to dedicate ourselves to the Craft, the service of God, and emphasize the fraternal feeling of Goodwill of Aleppo Temple towards the Brethren in our Masonic jurisdictions. We believe we have attained this objective and rejoice in our Success, and look forward to sharing with you these principles upon which we may all unite.

OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Potentate's Slogan:

"1000 OR MORE IN '54"

ALEPPO TEMPLE now has a Membership Committee of approximately 60 hard working Nobles; below are listed their names and addresses. Call on them to assist you in bringing into Shrinedom all eligible Masons, always remembering that every Noble can awake each morning with a realization that he is helping some little child to get well, certainly, Nobles, "THE PRICE (dues) IS NOT TOO GREAT."

ACT NOW

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CARLTON S. REDMOND, *Chairman*
EDWARD H. CASEY, *Vice Chairman*
FREDERIC L. PIKE, *Vice Chairman*
FRANK H. WILSON, *Vice Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP

Gene Andersen, Park Ave., Centerville, Mass.
Frank D. Babcock, 4 Nichols St., Haverhill, Mass.
William Beserosky, 50 Clinton St., New Bedford, Mass.
Kenneth W. Blennerhassett, 1203 Boylston St., Boston 15, Mass.
Ernest Wesley Borden, 152 High St., Fall River, Mass.
Harold L. Burr, 176 Marked Tree Rd., Needham 92, Mass.
Curtis P. Burrill, 129 Fairview Ave., Brockton, Mass.
F. Henry Caffin, 22 Elm St., Hyde Park 36, Mass.
Clyde Louis Carter, 20 Peacevale Rd., Dorchester 24, Mass.
Edward H. Casey, 147 Franklin St., Arlington 74, Mass.
Eugene R. Cole, Centerville Rd., Hyannis, Mass.
Frank A. Crowe, 75 Exeter St., Boston 16, Mass.
Robert B. Davenport, 1 Oak St., Newbury, Mass.
Paul L. Drolet, 123 North Broadway, Haverhill, Mass.
Frederic B. Duncan, 45 Emerson Rd., Winthrop 52, Mass.
Walter Eugene Fish, Jr., 34 Upland Rd., Stoneham, Mass.
Andrew R. Freden, 173 Beverly Rd., Worcester 5, Mass.
Rangnar Fridolin, 64 Elm St., North Woburn, Mass.
Lester D. Friend, P. O. Box 275, Danvers, Mass.
Harold W. Geddes, 15 Audubon Rd., Lexington 73, Mass.
Reginald F. Goldsworthy, 58 Pine St., Manchester, Mass.
Herbert J. Griffing, 32 Bellingham Rd., Worcester 6, Mass.
Dr. Harry W. Harding, 475 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 15
Charles D. Harrington, 69 Westminster Ave., Arlington 74
George S. Kenison, 7 Hosmer St., Everett 49, Mass.
A. W. Larsen, 92 Chestnut St., Gardner, Mass.
Walter G. Mace, 810 Main St., West Newbury, Mass.
Hector MacFarlane, 18 Hartshorn St., Reading, Mass.
Cecil C. Marble, 95 E. Squantum St., No. Quincy 71, Mass.
John J. Mick, 300 Lake St., Belmont 78, Mass.
William H. Miller, 508 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.
Guy E. Nickerson, So. Road, East Kingston, N. H.
Charles T. Nicoll, 894 Monponsett St., Monponsett, Mass.
Douglas R. Norwood, P. O. Box B, Sharon, Mass.
Winfield L. Nourse, 88 Westchester Dr., Westwood, Mass.
Peter L. Peters, 48 West St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Frederic L. Pike, 51 Boylston St., Boston 16, Mass.
Carlton S. Redmond, 101 Carlton Rd., Waban 68, Mass.
John A. Roden, 129 Lowell St., Reading, Mass.
Charles Ross, 1769 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton 35, Mass.
Elvin E. Russell, 101 Conant St., Danvers, Mass.
Richard H. Russell, 536 Pleasant St., East Milton 86, Mass.
L. Brooks Saville, 418 Mass. Ave., Arlington 74, Mass.
Fred C. Sears, 17 High St., Worcester 8, Mass.
Everett B. Stacey, 130 Henry Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Ralph B. Starbard, 222 East Water St., Rockland, Mass.
Thomas Soucy, Jr., 176 Elm St., Amesbury, Mass.
William E. Stevens, 248 Park Ave., Arlington 74, Mass.
William Stitt, 32 Ryan St., New Bedford, Mass.
Leslie Tabor, Sr., 126 Bromfield St., Wollaston 70, Mass.
Louis E. Timson, 8 Berry St., Danvers, Mass.
Paul B. Torppa, P. O. Box 172, Gardner, Mass.
Roland Z. Tripp, Box 1001, Lawrence, Mass.
Alvin L. K. Tunstall, 81 Francis St., Fairhaven, Mass.
Raymond C. Warmington, 31 Roselyn Ave., Quincy 69, Mass.
Forest H. Ward, 636 Highland Ave., Malden, Mass.
Howard E. White, 54 Dean St., Attleboro, Mass.
Frank H. Wilson, 27 Beverly St., Melrose 76, Mass.
James H. Wilson, 3261 North Main St., Fall River, Mass.
Franklin Wilde, 871 Lincoln St., Waltham, Mass.
Philip E. Woodman, 11 Nelson St., Gardner, Mass.

ALEPPO TEMPLE BOWLING

By Noble Frank W. Kittredge

ANNUAL MEETINGS — they come and go — but the memory of this year's Bowling League Annual Meeting and Banquet, held at the University Club, Thursday, April 29, will remain with the members of the SHRINE BOWLING LEAGUE long after they have put away their bowling shoes and retired from active participation.

Thirty Nobles of ALEPPO, with their special guests, Gerald F. Zedren, Illustrious Potentate; Herman Charles MacStay, Chief Rabban; Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder, and Junior Past Potentate Arthur G. MacKenzie, enjoyed a roast beef dinner — each guest declared it the best.

Noble Carl A. Anderson, President, showed colored motion pictures, taken on our SPORT SHIRT night, held on March 10 this year. Potentate Zedren and Recorder Leggee were present in a couple of snappy numbers — and the gang had an opportunity to see themselves in action — you could hear the cheers way over in Copley Square — especially when Nobles Sid Abbott and Hal Chase were shown demonstrating the art of remote control — and some of the others, putting "Body English" on the ball.

Nobles Vail K. Haak and Abe Borenstein ran the "Grab Bag" as usual — 21 prizes went home with the lucky holders of the right cardboards — and in addition, there was a special prize — a Farrington Jewel Case, donated for the bowling contest between the Potentate and the Chief Rabban, and which was annexed by, none other than, — that Noble, who, if his luck holds out, will be Potentate next year. This contest was a three-string affair and was won by only ONE pin.

The high light of the evening was the presentation of an inscribed testimonial of appreciation to the Secretary, in recognition of his work on the "High Lights of the Shrine Bowling League of Aleppo Temple 1935-1953" — Potentate Zedren's remarks must have been highly congratulatory — but what he said was entirely lost on your correspondent, who can remember just what is said immediately preceding the receipt of such a beautiful token of friendship, from a gang such as this. The Committee on this assignment was Nobles John E. Eaton, Sr., and James N. Greig.

Following this, the election of officers for the ensuing year was held, resulting in the selection of Noble John C. N. McIntyre as President, and Richard F. Halladay as Vice President. Treasurer William J. Richards and Secretary Frank W. Kittredge were elected for the seventh and eighth consecutive year, respectively.

Junior Past Potentate Arthur G. MacKenzie, in behalf of the members of our Bowling League, presented a diamond Shrine pin to Noble Owlen C. "Red" Towle. "Red" is the first member of a Shrine team to win the high individual average of the A. B. P. Bowling League. Recorder Harvey B. Leggee presented the Recorder's Trophy to Noble Lewis C. Bills; Chief Rabban Herman C. MacStay presented the John E. Eaton, Sr., Consolation Award to Secretary Frank W. Kittredge, and Potentate Gerald F. Zedren the Potentate's Trophy to Noble Girard N. "Jerry" Jones. None were neglected, every member won a prize — altogether, it was a large evening.

You'll Enjoy the Ceremonial More
If You Sponsor a Candidate
"1000 or More in '54"

SHRINE TEMPLES WITH MEMBERSHIP OVER 5000

As of January 1, 1954

1. SYRIA.....	22,601	13. ZUHRAH.....	9,068	25. BENI KEDEM....	7,457	37. ZA-GA-ZIG.....	5,988
2. AL MALAIKAH...	19,233	14. LU LU.....	8,811	26. YAARAB.....	7,351	38. JAFFA.....	5,909
3. MEDINAH.....	18,973	15. MOOLAH.....	8,774	27. SYRIAN.....	7,337	39. SUDAN.....	5,852
4. ALEPPO.....	14,207	16. AAHMES.....	8,648	28. MIDIAN.....	7,263	40. MOSLAH.....	5,833
5. MOSLEM.....	13,178	17. ARARAT.....	8,629	29. MOHAMMED.....	7,191	41. KISMET.....	5,676
6. AL KORAN.....	12,667	18. ZEMBO.....	8,451	30. EL JEBEL.....	7,150	42. MAHI.....	5,348
7. MURAT.....	12,417	19. AL KADER.....	8,325	31. SALAAM.....	6,450	43. ALMAS.....	5,326
8. ALADDIN.....	11,089	20. ARABIA.....	8,065	32. BOUMI.....	6,369	44. ISMAILIA.....	5,311
9. NILE.....	10,523	21. TRIPOLI.....	8,005	33. AINAD.....	6,317	45. SALADIN.....	5,123
10. ISLAM.....	9,757	22. ZAMORA.....	7,907	34. ANTIOCH.....	6,186	46. AL CHYMIA.....	5,102
11. HELLA.....	9,678	23. IREM.....	7,722	35. RAJAH.....	6,101	47. ALZAFAR.....	5,056
12. CRESCENT.....	9,495	24. BEN ALI.....	7,658	36. OASIS.....	6,040		

ALEPPO SHRINE CHANTERS

By Noble John F. Ercoline, Secretary

THE Aleppo Shrine Chanters have set up two goals toward which all their endeavors are directed . . . to aid the Potentate and his Divan in promoting membership and good fellowship . . . and to help, with song, in the making of friends, the best token we have of man's success in life.

Our program has been a busy one, and one which we have enjoyed. At the 1953 National Shrine Convention we sang for the New York Rotary Club in the Commodore Hotel and also sang with the massed Chanters in Central Park. Illustrious Noble Arthur G. MacKenzie, our Illustrious Potentate at that time, was present and voiced his appreciation.

Since the 1953 Shrine Convention our program has been as follows:

August 20 . . . Summer get-together of the Aleppo Chanters and guests at "Bert" Coan's summer camp in Gloucester.

"We sang to the neighbors in the moonlight!"

September 10 . . . Installation of our own Oriental Guide, Edgar L. Turner, as Worshipful Master of the Wellesley Lodge at West Newton.

September 12 . . . Concert at the York Rite Night of St. John's Lodge at the Masonic Temple, Boston.

September 13 . . . Concert at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River for "I Am An American Day."

October 30 . . . Concert at the Grand Commandery Dinner at the Hotel Touraine.

November 1 . . . Masonic Services at the St. Marks Methodist Church in Brookline.

November 14 . . . Harvest party at Reading for the Chanters and guests.

December 17 . . . Chanters Christmas party for the Divan at the Bellevue Country Club in Melrose.

January 18, 1954 . . . Concert at the Reception to the District Deputy Grand Master, Irving C. Langley, at Putnam Lodge in Cambridge.

January 20 . . . Third Degree work with the Shrine Degree Team at Damascus Lodge of Lynn.

January 30 . . . Concert at Waverley Chapter in Melrose.
February 9 . . . Assisting the Shrine Degree Team at Wellesley Lodge to raise the son of our Oriental Guide, Edgar L. Turner.

March 19 . . . Concert at the Potentate's Ball at the Hotel Statler.

April 7 . . . Assisting the Shrine Degree Team at Joseph Webb Lodge at the Masonic Temple to raise the son of our Past Imperial Potentate, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

April 9 . . . Concert at Princes of Jerusalem in Gothic Hall.

On June 5, we are to participate in the dedication ceremonies and the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in Gardner.

WHY THE SHRINER WEARS A SMILE

What a Grateful Mother had to say:

I have just come from Shangri-La . . .

Would you like to go there with me for a bit? Our little girl required hospitalization. But where? Yes, we had heard of the Shriners Hospitals. Quick, then, an application. We acquired one, mailed it and waited. Grave doubts, fears, black nights, gloom pervaded our home. Then came the letter for her to come and be examined.

We are just inside of the spic Clinical Department now, efficiency, kindness enveloped us. The diagnosis — immediate hospitalization. Again those deep wells of despair. All mothers share these feelings. You had raised your child for about eight years, babied and no doubt spoiled her and now she must be taken from you all as suddenly as switching on a light. You kiss her and wave good-bye. Hold back those tears, she mustn't see you cry. What would they do to her? Oh, please, please let them be ever so kind.

And then we could go to see her. Nervous, trembling we walked down the hospital halls. Suddenly though something seemed to steal through our bodies, a feeling almost akin to reverence, the tranquility, peace. What could all this be? Then we saw her. She wasn't crying. What perky little dresses the girls had on, one prettier than the other and hairdos with saucy bows. Had we entered a fairyland, was all this true? The nurses smiled, they were very kind. And your little girl's spirit wasn't broken, no, she was even rather fresh. Her teeth? They were shining like pearls. "Oh, yes, mother, we clean them TWICE a day!" Another miracle. The beautiful walls with nursery rhymes and pictures, sunlight on all sides, happiness beaming on all those dear little faces, cleanliness everywhere. The hospital, the beds, the boys, your child — everything shone. The doctor came and chatted and you laughed with him. You began to sort of bubble over inside, a light, funny, giddy feeling ran through you.

Were I training men for the Shrine and making the rules, I should require every man to go through one of the hospitals and then he would have even a deeper, bigger feeling about the wonderful organization of which he was soon to become a part.

Every mother must feel as grateful as I and, yes, humbled by this wonderful Shangri-La that I thought existed only in books.

Sincerely

Mrs. G. H. K., Chicago, Illinois

THE UNIFORMED UNITS

By Captain James N. Babcock

THE Uniformed Units of the Temple are comprised of the following individual Units:

The Shrine Band, Mounted Patrol, Foot Patrol, Oriental Band and Chanters. The total membership of these Units is approximately 400.

From the meager records I have available, the Band and Foot Patrol came into existence about 1915, and a number of the charter members of these units are still serving. The rest of the Units were added at various times, the latest to be added are the Chanters and Oriental Band, sponsored by Past Potentate Andrew S. Seiler.

Each Unit has its own Head, under various titles, acting under the direction of Colonel Benjamin R. Vaughan, representing the Potentate. We have many distinguished members of the Temple who have served in the Foot Patrol, before going along to higher honors. To name a few are Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., enrolled in 1922, and Potentate Gerald F. Zedren, and Past Potentates Frank B. Ells, James H. Curry, N. Russell Lynn, Chief Rabban Herman C. McStay and Assistant Rabban George A. Weeks. Our present Potentate Zedren also served in the Aleppo Degree Staff and assisted in the Second Section Floor Work of our Ceremonials during the early twenties.

The Uniformed Units are one of the greatest assets of any Temple, adding much pageantry and glamour to the parades at the Imperial Council Sessions, and also producing a large percentage of candidates for our Ceremonials.

THE FINEST FRATERNAL BAND IN THE WORLD

by Noble Albert A. Saunders, Band Manager

THE Aleppo Temple Shrine Band enjoys an envious position in the "world of Shrinedom" and is steadily forging ahead to greater heights under the capable Bandmaster, Walter M. Smith.

Starting this last "Imperial Year" in June 1953, the Band journeyed to New York City for the 79th Imperial Session and its appearance in the two Official Parades on Tuesday morning, July 14, and the evening parade on July 16, met with unusual applause and apparently thrilled the observers all along the route of both of the parades.

On Wednesday afternoon of the Imperial Session week, the Band accepted an invitation to play a concert at the Kingsbridge Veterans' Hospital and which was well appreciated by the Veterans there.

The "Roster" of the Band this year is composed of 110 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, members of Aleppo Temple, many of whom enjoy a reputation in their own communities as outstanding musicians. They attend regularly the Monday evening Rehearsals of the Band and all of its other musical engagements. The entire Band membership exemplifies by its regular attendance and enthusiasm the zenith of fellowship and fraternalism.

The first activity of the Band following the summer vacation was on September 14 when the Band with nearly one hundred strong traveled by bus to the Masonic Home in Charlton and gave a concert for the residents of the Home. This is an annual function of the Band and it is a pleasure and a privilege expressed by each member of the Band to share his talent as a musician with their older Brother Masons living at the Home. A warm reception to the Band is always displayed at the Home.

On the 29th of September the Band appeared with an unusually large representation to open the "Hippodrome" circus at the Boston Garden.

At the Melha Temple Ceremonial in Springfield on November 27, several members of our Aleppo Band made the trip to Springfield to augment the Melha Band at Melha's request.

This type of support and cooperation by our Aleppo Bandmen further exemplifies the outstanding fellowship and fraternal feeling between the two Massachusetts Temples and their Nobles.

At all of the Ceremonials held during the year the members reach near the 100% mark in their attendance and the "small team" which performs on the floor during the evening parade is always a credit to the Temple.

It is the custom of the Band on their Monday rehearsal nights to have a Social Hour with refreshments. This custom has provided an opportunity for the development of an unusual fellowship among the Band members and the rehearsals have materially improved the musical performance of the Band.

There are opportunities for additional members in all sections of the Band and any Noble of Aleppo who might be interested in sharing their musical talent with the fourth largest Shrine Temple in Shrinedom are invited to contact Bandmaster Walter M. Smith or Band Manager Albert A. Saunders or visit the Band at any rehearsal night at the Aleppo Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue in Boston.

STEWARDS

By Noble Clarence Bohanon

THE Steward's Unit of Aleppo Temple consists of a Chief Steward, an Assistant Chief Steward and twenty-five Assistant Stewards. The work of the unit consists mostly of the feeding for each Ceremonial. The Chief Steward of the Aleppo Temple is Noble C. Bohanon, Assistant Chief Steward is Noble Anthony Bersacola, who assists the Chief Steward in all of his duties. The next Assistant Steward in line is Noble Donald Ristine, who has charge of the feeding lines at each Ceremonial.

The Chief Steward's particular job is to choose the menu and advise the Illustrious Potentate as to the choice of menu for each particular ceremonial and also to estimate in advance the number of Nobles that will attend the Ceremonial. He also supervises the purchasing and serving of all cold beverages, milk and cigars.

The Chief Steward usually starts about two weeks in advance preparing for each Ceremonial. Each Assistant Steward plays a very important part to the Shrine in each position that he is assigned to. The Stewards supervise the feeding for the Nobility in the Grand Ballroom, also in a smaller dining room for the Candidates and still another room for the Temple Officers, appointed Officers, Committee Chairmen and visiting Potentates and their Divans.

During the year 1953, our Stewards supervised the serving of approximately twenty-five thousand people. One of the most important jobs the Chief Steward has is the supervision of the door count, to make sure of the correct number of Nobles at each Ceremonial.

PROPOSED SHRINE CLUB IN FITCHBURG

A GROUP of Aleppo Nobles residing in the Fitchburg area have requested information from Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren with reference to Shrine Clubs. This group contemplates petitioning for a new Shrine Club in the Greater Fitchburg area.

It was announced, after a recent meeting of Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard, Director of Shrine Clubs of Aleppo Temple, with several Nobles from the Fitchburg area interested in the proposed club, that a Charter Dinner would be held in the near future to discuss the matter with the Illustrious Potentate.

All Nobles within a 30-mile radius of Fitchburg are urged to contact Noble Peter L. Peters, 48 West Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, telephone Fitchburg 3-7019. Noble Peters is a member of the Membership Committee formed by Aleppo Temple.

DEGREE STAFF

By Noble I. Louis Fine

ONCE again Director Al Sandberg and his white coveralled wrecking crew will put on a Second Section for the entertainment of the Nobility as they take a group of novices across the hot sands.

This will be Al's second show since he took over the job of Director, formerly held by Frank Watson, who after a long and successful service has been honored with the title Director Emeritus, an honor shared by few others in the entire country. Frank is contributing his counsel and advice in helping his successor continue the good work.

Sandy brought back a lot of new stunts from the Cincinnati convention and the boys have been busy for several weeks getting the props together in shape for the show.

As usual, many requests have been received from the nobility asking to have certain stunts repeated. Sandy will try and work them in whenever possible.

This Ceremonial will see an innovation in the workings on the floor and it is hoped that as many Nobles as possible will be present to witness the change. "What is this innovation?" Come on down and see for yourself.

The boys on the staff have been particularly pleased at the excellent co-operation given the unit by Potentate "Jerry." His interest stems from the fact that he is a former member of the Degree Staff.

Emil Zepp is still at home recuperating from his illness. Worth Bessett is a new papa — a girl. During the past year the Degree Staff has been saddened by the loss of Ken Damon, George Lewis, Arthur Lowe and Don MacQuarrie.

MOUNTED PATROL

by Captain Robert S. Fifield

THE Aleppo Mounted Patrol came into being around 1925 with many of the original members being World War I veterans. Then as now some of the members owned horses. The original uniform and trappings were of red and white striped material and were adopted after some research on the subject. During the 1940's the present uniforms were adopted. Membership turnover is very small; in fact the Mounted has in its rolls two members, George C. Dunnells and Karl W. P. Reece, each boasting of service in excess of 25 years.

The patrol has participated in parades in a great many cities in the United States and a few in Canada, and on each occasion has done a creditable job particularly when one considers the fact that we use horses with which we are totally unfamiliar, have never ridden before and probably will never ride again.

The problem of obtaining good horses becomes increasingly difficult. This is evidently a nationwide obstacle as attested to by the brief in the *Wall Street Journal* of May 13 relating to the closing of the last two riding stables in Tucson, Arizona, due primarily to high insurance rates.

EXTENDING THE SERVICES OF THE HOSPITALER

by Noble Charles P. Nicoll

IN as much as Aleppo Temple is the fourth largest in the country, the duties of your Hospitaler have been many, not only do we have quite a few members of our own Temple who have been hospitalized but we have many visiting Nobles in Hospitals in the Boston area, due to the fact that Boston is a large medical center. It is practically impossible to visit every Shriner who is in a hospital, because there are 155 hospitals in the Commonwealth and makes it impossible for the job to be done so extensively.



FRANK W. WATSON
Director Emeritus

NOBLE WATSON PROMOTED

NOBLE Frank W. Watson recently promoted to "Director Emeritus" of Aleppo after serving as Director of the Temple's Second Section Floor Work for many years.

He has the distinction of being one of the two Temple Directors in North America, not holding a national office, to receive this title. This is an honor well deserved by Noble Watson.

Noble Watson was succeeded in the office of Director by Noble Alfred C. Sandberg who, through the past years, has moved up through the ranks in the Staff. Noble Watson will continue to be active in the Staff as a consultant and advisor.

The matter of extending the services meets with the approval of the Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren and we are looking forward to getting at least 100 volunteer workers to become members of a Committee so that in the future no matter at which Hospital or who the Shriner may be there will be a Brother Shriner handy to visit him and do everything else that the sick Noble may require.

We have been called upon in the past few years to take care of various problems pertaining to the Shriner and Federal and State Agencies and the Veterans' Administration. These requests are taken care of by your Hospitaler where there isn't any particular time element involved, but I feel that there isn't anything so discouraging when you go to visit a hospital, than to have a Noble say, "I never see a Shriner," or "I never see a Mason." That gives you a sinking down feeling and we cannot afford to have this happen.

Any Noble of Aleppo who is interested in becoming a voluntary member of the Sunshine Committee, is invited to send his name and address and telephone number to the "Hospitaler," 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass. It is nice work, interesting, and you get to know your Brother of the Fraternity intimately. Perhaps in the near future we can also have our own Blood Bank, as at present in many Shrine Temples.

That part of Aleppo's jurisdiction for this purpose will be broken down into Districts, so Nobles serving on the Committee will not be called upon too often to visit one of our Brother Nobles, provided we have enough volunteers. Send in your NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, immediately, and let's get going on this all important project.

ALEPPO TEMPLE ORIENTAL BAND

by Noble Clarence A. "Tom" Sawyer

THERE probably are not too many Nobles of Aleppo, or other Shrine Temples, in the east, who have heard a great deal about Oriental Bands until recent years. The first Oriental Band was organized by Medinah Temple, Chicago, in 1900, and other bands followed, until about 1942 they numbered twenty-nine throughout the country. Since 1942 ninety-one new Oriental Bands have been organized, making a total of one hundred and twenty at present in the one hundred and sixty-six Shrines of North America.

The Aleppo Temple Oriental Band, of which we are very proud, was organized March 22, 1951, under the direction of Illustrious Potentate Andrew S. Seiler (our godfather), who appointed Francis R. Sagle, our present First Ceremonial Master, as his organizer and manager. Francis set out and corralled twenty-seven Shriners who were interested in the venture, but who confessed that they were not musicians. Sixteen of the original charter members are part of the present membership, numbering forty-two, organized under their own By-laws, with elected officers who govern the organization. The original twenty-seven members were furnished Musettes and Tom-toms, which they assembled themselves, and then started weekly rehearsals in preparation for their first appearance at the Spring Ceremonial of May 18, 1951. The reception which the Orientalers received that night was most enthusiastic and very gratifying to them.

Any member of an Oriental Band can become a member of the National organization, Association of Shrine Oriental Bands. Meetings of the National organization are held annually at the Imperial Council Session, and are open to bandmen who are members. They nominate and elect officers of the National organization, which is governed by adopted By-laws, and participate in the business meeting. Our purpose is to originate and encourage the development of suitable and appropriate music, which can be played on Oriental Band instruments, to promote cordiality and good fellowship among its members. In addition to the weekly rehearsals, ceremonials, and Imperial Council Sessions, the "Orientalers" have social activities during the year, which usually consist of at least two Ladies' Nights. These activities are at the expense of the individual members in attendance, and they and their Ladies enjoy an evening of dining and dancing.

THE NORTH SHORE SHRINE CLUB

by Louis E. Timson

Early in 1953, Noble Elvin E. Russell of Danvers initiated the idea of having a Shrine Club formed in Danvers for the benefit and interest of Nobles residing in the various communities of the North Shore Area.

Sanctioned by Aleppo Temple, Noble Russell invited a number of Shriners of the immediate area to meet at the Danvers Masonic Temple on Friday, October 9, 1953.

Only 9 Nobles attended, but the unanimous enthusiasm was such that it was decided to go along with the forming of such a Shrine Club.

Permanent Officers elected for 1954 were President, Elvin E. Russell, Danvers; Treasurer, William S. Moore, Danvers; First Vice-President, Herman C. McStay, Swampscott; 2nd Vice-President, Lester D. Friend, Danvers; and Secretary, Louis E. Timson, Danvers.

The Club was named THE NORTH SHORE SHRINE CLUB and a series of organizational meetings were held during the next three months.

The first Regular Meeting was held February 26, 1954 as a LADIES' NIGHT and BANQUET, with Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren, His Divan, Officers and their Ladies as Guests of Honor.

The North Shore Shrine Club now has a membership in excess of 400 and is still growing.

JOINS SHRINE AT 102 YEARS OF AGE



Noble Frank F. Wheeler of Muscoda, Wisconsin, recently became the oldest man ever to "cross the hot sands" of Shrinedom. At the age of 102, he was initiated at Madison by Zor Shrine Temple. Mr. Wheeler became a Mason at 100, received the 32nd degree of Masonry at the same age, and became a member of the Order of Eastern Star at 101.

SOUTHEASTERN SHRINE CLUB ACTIVITIES, 1954

By Noble Alvin L. K. Tunstall

THE Annual Meeting and election of officers of the Club was held January 20. Total membership reported was 487. The Club voted to continue to provide transportation for children of the area to Springfield Hospital for treatment. At present the Club is taking care of 12 children. The Club further agreed to purchase braces for children of the area as recommended by the Club doctors. The sum of \$500.00 was appropriated for 1954 Christmas parties for the children in the local institutions, including the Springfield Hospital and the local chapters of DeMolay and Rainbow.

At the February 8 Meeting \$40.00 in prizes was presented to the winners of the membership drive in the New Bedford Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

On May 5 the Club had its Annual Potentate's Night and Banquet at the New Bedford Hotel, with 287 Club members present to greet Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren of Aleppo Temple, the honored guest. The Illustrious Potentate was accompanied by his Elected Divan, Past Potentates, and Appointed Officers. To assist the Potentate in his membership campaign for "A 1,000 or More in '54," the Club presented him with 21 petitions for membership to be acted upon at the Spring Ceremonial, June 11.

Future dates on the Club's calendar include an Annual Pilgrimage to the Springfield Hospital on Sunday, June 20. The motor caravan, carrying Club members and their families, will arrive at the Hospital early in the day where they will present a show and party for the children of the Springfield Unit. On this occasion the Club will also present to the Hospital new seats to be installed in the waiting room of the addition to the Hospital which is now being built.

Plans are being made for the Club's Annual Clambake and Outing to be held some time in August. The time and the place have not yet been set.

RITUALISTIC DEGREE TEAM

IN 1935 Potentate Clarence J. McKenzie, who is Senior Living Past Potentate, inaugurated the Ritualistic Degree Team to perform the ritual work and initiation of the candidates in the Temple. This year marks the 20th consecutive year the Team has performed this work.

The late Wilfred C. Mills, who organized the Team, acted as Director and portrayed the part of Potentate until his recent death. He was succeeded by the present Director, Francis E. Homer.

The present Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren was a member of the Team for many years and, on several occasions, took the part of Potentate.

All members who have served on this Ritualistic Degree Team are either Presiding Masters or Past Masters of Blue Lodges, and are outstanding ritualists.

COMING EVENTS IN NEARBY TEMPLES

ANAH, Bangor, Maine	Bangor Fair, Friday, August 6
CAIRO, Rutland, Vermont	Clambake, Saturday, August 21
LUXOR, St. John, N. B.	Ceremonial, Friday, June 4
KARNAK, Montreal, Que.	Ceremonial, Saturday, June 5, at Sherbrooke, Quebec Ceremonial, Friday, Sept. 10
PHILAE, Halifax, N. S.	Joint Ceremonial of Philae, Luxor and Anah Temples, Saturday, June 19

NORTHEASTERN SHRINE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FALL FIELD DAY

Saturday, September 11, 1954

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

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Election of Officers — Parades — Exhibition Drills

ACTIVITIES OF MERRIMACK VALLEY

SHRINE CLUB

By Noble Roland Z. Tripp

MANY activities of the Club have been held so far this year, including regular meetings, banquets and entertainment for the members as well as Ladies' Nights and outings.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held May 26 and new officers were elected for the coming year.

At this meeting the Membership Committee was increased in size to assist the Potentate in his membership drive for the year. The Committee plans to contact all prospective Shriners in the district for the purpose of obtaining their petitions for membership in Aleppo Temple as well as in the Merrimack Valley Shrine Club.

A Committee has also been formed to investigate the cases of Nobles in need of assistance and to obtain information and render assistance in connection with entering a child at the Shriners Hospital in Springfield for treatment.

The Club also plans to continue the policy of purchasing Rungs on the Ladder of Baby Smiles in our Shrine Hospitals.

Plans are now being formulated for a golf outing to be sponsored by the Club this summer and for a Ladies' Night in September.

WORCESTER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB NEWS

By Noble Willis B. Corwin

MAY 18 was the date of the Annual Meeting of the Worcester County Shrine Club held at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. Seventy-five Nobles of the Club attended to honor the guests of the evening, our Illustrious Potentate from Aleppo Temple, Gerald F. Zedren, and his honorable Officers and Divan.

Election of Officers for the 1954-55 year was held, resulting in the election of Willis B. Corwin as President, Kenneth Siebert as Vice President, Haig Barakian as Secretary, and Fred C. Sears as Treasurer.

A recap of the 1953-54 year shows that we had four meetings as well as a very satisfactory fund-raising operation in our local circus through which we were able to buy a number of needed items for our Springfield Shrine Hospital that were not provided for in their budget. It is very pleasing to the Nobles of the Worcester Club to be able to assist our Hospital in this way.

Our tentative plans call for some type of fund-raising campaign this summer to again do our bit for the youngsters at Springfield.

Tentative plans are also being made for five meetings this coming year, with the "head off" of a Past Presidents' Night in September. Next meeting is set for November, if possible to be a Business and News Meeting with some outstanding news commentator to talk. Again tentative as yet, a Sports Night for January, and then to have our Ladies' Night in March at which time we plan to be host to our good friends from Melha Temple in Springfield. We plan to have the Annual Aleppo Potentate's Night next May with our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

At this time the above future plans for the coming year are in the formulative stage and may have to be changed as we go along.

Your President for 1954-55 year wants at this time to extend a special invitation to all Nobles to attend each and every meeting of our Club. You only get out of anything as much as you put in. Worcester has a fine Shrine Club. Let's put more in and we will all enjoy our membership much more.

YOUR STANDING IN PREREQUISITE BODIES

FREQUENTLY misunderstanding exists in the minds of some Nobles regarding the mandatory law of the Imperial Council which requires a Noble to maintain his good standing in the prerequisite bodies of either the York or Scottish Rites.

Briefly stated, to be a member of the Shrine one must belong to either (1) the Commandery, or (2) the Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

It is not compulsory to be a member of both rites, but good standing in the rite of one's choice is obligatory.

To maintain membership in a Commandery you must be in good standing in both the Blue Lodge and the Chapter.

To maintain membership as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason you must be in good standing in the Blue Lodge.

Since membership in either a Commandery or the Scottish Rite is predicated upon good standing in the Blue Lodge, it is obvious that if your membership is severed in the Blue Lodge you are automatically dropped in all other Masonic bodies of which you might be a member.

Every link in the chain of your affiliation must be preserved intact. Every life membership in any Masonic Body becomes invalid if your connection with preceding bodies is allowed to lapse.



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Friday, November 26, 1954

Mechanics Building, Boston

Entrance — 99 Huntington Avenue

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES

AFTERNOON MEETING 3:30 P.M. PAUL REVERE HALL

Entrance to Afternoon Meeting, 99 Huntington Avenue

BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES

BUSINESS MEETING

RITUAL WORK IN FULL FORM

SPECIAL NOTICE: Petitions for membership to be acted on at this meeting must be in the Recorder's office not later than 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 23, 1954 (two working days before the meeting).

BUFFET DINNER - - - 4:45 TO 6:45 P.M.

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WHERE TO MEET YOUR NOBLE FRIENDS

At this Ceremonial the posts in the Grand Banquet Hall will be marked with large signs bearing the names of our living Past Potentates, where Nobles may meet their friends.

The signs will bear the following names of our living Past Potentates, each in a different location: McKENZIE, POLLARD, CURRY, WILSON, LOMBARD, SONDHEIM, DUNCAN, ELLS, LYNN, OAKES AND MacKENZIE. Give your friend the time and place you wish to meet him. He will do the rest.

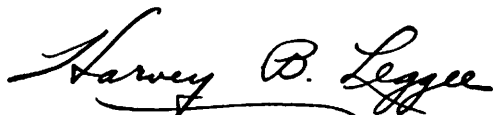
5:00 P.M. — ORGAN CONCERT — Grand Hall

BAND CONCERT — Aleppo Shrine Band

**6:30 P.M. — EVENING CEREMONIAL — EVENING PARADE AND REVIEW —
SECOND SECTION WORK — VAUDEVILLE SHOW**

By direction of the Illustrious Potentate, the Aleppo Temple Guard will be on duty at this Ceremonial. In accordance with Imperial Council laws, and to protect our organization from intruders, ALL Nobles must present their 1954 Shrine Card and give the pass words to the Guards before being admitted to the Temple.

Attest:



Recorder



Illustrious Potentate

Imperial Potentate's Message



Imperial Potentate FRANK S. LAND

RECENTLY, a fellow Noble told me, "I have a good feeling deep down inside every time I stop to think that just being a member of the Shrine enables me to do something worthwhile for helpless crippled children."

He spoke with justifiable pride; a pride we all share and must encourage.

Shrinedom's program to help mend the bodies of crippled children has given us a goal unsurpassed by any other group of men in the world. It amply justifies our existence.

I urge every Noble to participate fully in this program. Acquire a rung on the Ladder of Smiles! It is yours for \$150.00. Another way you can assist in the expansion and maintenance of our Hospitals for Crippled Children is to participate in each fund-raising activity your Temple promotes.

There are now seventeen Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. The total value of these properties is more than fifteen million dollars.

In the years to come, this program will grow and grow. The number of helpless crippled children is increasing year by year despite all counteracting efforts of science.

Shrinedom has adopted this project as its own. It has become known as the benefactor of crippled children. It is our trust. We dare not fail to meet that trust!

NEVER forget we live for the good opinions of our neighbors!

Good opinions mean good will. It means that our neighbors are on our team. It means something that will buy us much, yet costs us very little aside from the effort.

Nearly every person in the United States knows a Shriner or has seen one or has heard of the Shrine. They see us daily on parade somewhere in the land. The lapel emblem or the fez marks us as Shriners. We are constantly on display; we are salesmen of the Shrine and Shrinedom.

So it behooves each and every Noble to bear in mind at all times that his major effort should be to attempt to garner just as much good will as possible each and every day.

Nobles, I beseech of you to remember this throughout the rest of your days.

You represent more than seven hundred thousand of the most outstanding men on earth. Don't let them down . . . ever!

FRANK S. LAND,
Imperial Potentate

A Message from Your Potentate



Illustrrious Potentate GERALD F. ZEDREN

IT IS especially appropriate this year, as the Thanksgiving season approaches, that we all take stock of the many things for which we should be thankful. We are thankful that for the first time in many years, we are at peace — that we are enjoying another year of prosperity under our system of free enterprise — that the American people have joined together as never before in a determination to resist Communist aggression, and that through the efforts of men of goodwill, progress is being made towards international cooperation and understanding.

Your Potentate has his own special reasons for being thankful this year. One little realizes the responsibilities that come to a Potentate with each passing day until he is accountable for them. However, the cooperation that the Divan, Officers, Committee Chairmen, Units and Nobles have given me, and the efficient manner in which they have carried out their assignments and obligations, have done much to lighten this burden. My thanks also to the Past Potentates, who are always ready to lend a helping hand, and who feel it is a privilege to give unsparingly of their time and energy for Masonry and Shrinedom. I am proud and thankful, too, that in the month of November, 1918, I became a Master Mason. Thirty-one years later, in November, 1949, I had the honor of raising my son.

Our pilgrimage to Montreal and our trip up the Saguenay were a huge success. As your Potentate, I want to express my grateful thanks at this time to all who participated. I was very proud to lead the Aleppo Units to the Forum through the streets of that great city across the border, where they made such a wonderful showing. I believe it was a trip that will linger long in the memories of everyone.

And now, my sincere wish is that this will be the nicest Thanksgiving ever for each and everyone of you. "Es Selamu Aleikum".

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

Gerald F. Zedren

Illustrrious Potentate

NEW SHRINE PLEDGE

AT THE last Imperial Council Session of the Shrine of North America, held at Atlantic City in July of this year, the Council voted unanimously in favor of the following Shrine Pledge of Allegiance:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the country for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

CAPE COD SHRINERS TO CHARTER TRAIN

THE two Ambassadors to the Potentate from the Cape Cod area, Nobles Gene Andersen and Gene Cole, acting as a committee, have chartered a New Haven "Budd Diesel" streamliner train to bring the Cape Cod Shriners to our Fall Ceremonial on Friday, November 26.

The train will start from Orleans at noon, stopping enroute at Hyannis, Barnstable and Buzzards Bay. The Shrine Special will arrive at Back Bay Station at 3:00 PM, in time to have a group of candidates registered with the Class being initiated at this Ceremonial.

Any Cape Cod Shriner interested in travelling to our Thanksgiving Ceremonial via the "Shriners' Cranberry Special" should contact either Gene Andersen, Hyannis 1637, or Gene Cole, Hyannis 2476



MONTREAL WELCOMES SHRINERS

THE following is an excerpt from *The Gazette Montreal, P.Q.* of September 11, 1954, relating to the Northeastern Shrine Association Convention held in Montreal in which all of the New England Temples and the Temples of Eastern Canada participated:

"The Shriners are in town offering many a colorful diversion in streets, hotels and other public places. About 5,000 strong, the fezzed members of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are giving Montreal its largest convention since 1929. Convention activities will culminate in a big show at the Forum tonight, following an afternoon street parade.

Very obviously the Shriners enjoy themselves at their conventions, and Montreal may well hope their current visit here will be an outstandingly pleasant one. For in this city there stands monumental and impressive evidence of the fact that there is much more to being a Shriner than having fun. The Montreal Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children provides that evidence and is only one of 17 such institutions in Canada and the United States.

Since 1925 this institution has treated more than 8,300 crippled children of all races and creeds under the age of 14 years whose parents could not afford to pay for the modern treatment given in this hospital. In the same period, more than \$5,000,000 of Shriners' funds has been spent on the care and treatment of these children.

The Shriners do not make public appeals for funds to finance these good works. But, occasionally they plan events for public entertainment, profits from which were given to their hospitals. And this evening, the show at the Forum is being staged to aid the Montreal Unit. Support of this entertainment is a means through which any citizen may share in the great and unselfish work for the benefit of crippled youngsters."

PATROL MAJOR DIES

Major Benjamin James, a member of Aleppo Temple's Arab Patrol for 34 years, died June 27 after a short illness.

Noble James, who is said to have given the order to fire the first shell for the United States in World War I in France, was holder of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre. The casing of the first shell was presented later by him to the Yankee Division and is now in the State House.

He was a Past Commander of the Brookline Post A. L., and former president of the YD Club of Boston.

He was a member of Beth-Horon Lodge, A.F. & A.M., St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, DeMolay Commandery, Boston Court No. 103, Royal Order of Jesters, and the YD Veterans Association.



ALASKAN SHRINE CIRCUS

THE Shriners of Alaska recently made history when the two Shrine Clubs combined forces and brought to the Territory this past summer, during the month of July, a Shrine Circus. This is the first time in history that any circus has ever visited the Northland!

Noble Ivan Branson, Oriental Guide of Islam Temple of San Francisco, recently wrote that he had the pleasure of observing, 175 miles north of Fairbanks, a large group of Indian and other native children boarding a couple of Air Corps busses at 3 A.M. in broad daylight to take them from the Yukon River at Circle City to the Shrine Circus at Fairbanks on "UPC" tickets. These youngsters had been brought "upriver" from 100 to 250 miles to the end of the highway, and for most of them, it was the first time they had seen an automobile, a town or a railroad. The Alaskan Natives' Service co-operated with the Shrine Club to make this possible.

Noble Branson said that at Anchorage, where the Circus had previously played, 800 boys and girls had been brought as far as 600 miles by planes from the Aleutian Islands to witness the Circus.



TOLERANCE

Be ye ever slow and exceeding cautious in judging the acts or the opinions of others.
—Anon

DON'T jump at conclusions! Especially when it involves passing sentence on some one for an act or for a stated opinion. Go slow and easy! Don't speak in anger, and repent in sorrow.

In recent years we've had some notable examples of the price of hasty name-calling. The percentage of times the nail is hit on the head is infinitesimal.

What we need is more tolerance. We need to be tolerant of the other fellow — what he says; what he does; how he dresses; how he lives.

We need to be more tolerant of the other fellow's politics and his political and other views. The way he ties his tie or combs his hair is none of our business. Each of us must live our own lives.

Tolerance is a basic ingredient of good neighborliness. To be a good neighbor is to overlook the things you dislike about a person; to consider that the "likes" far outweigh the "dislikes".

This is an era in which being a good neighbor is more important than ever before. So, polish up your tolerance! Make it really mean something! You'll find that life by such a rule is a far happier life.



Past Potentate
ANDREW S. SEILER

PAST POTENTATE SEILER DIES

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE ANDREW S. SEILER, 67, passed away suddenly Tuesday, September 28, at his home in Wilmot Flat, New Hampshire.

Noble Seiler, who was President of H. J. Seiler Co., Caterers, and Seiler's Food, Inc., served as Potentate of Aleppo Temple from January, 1951 to January, 1952. He was graduated from English High School in Boston and had been active all his life in the catering business founded by his father. A native of Roxbury, Noble Seiler lived in Wellesley Hills for many years before moving to New Hampshire in July of this year.

Noble Seiler was a member of Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M., St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston Council, R. & S.M., Boston Commandery No. 2, K.T., and the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston. He was a Past Director of Boston Court No. 103, Royal Order of Jesters, Past President of the Boston Rotary Club, a Past Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, and a member of Omar Grotto.

Active in welfare and community work, Mr. Seiler was a President of the South End Boys Club of Boston, a board member of the Salvation Army, executive committee member of the United Community Service, member of corporation of Northeastern University, and one of the organizers of the citizenship training group of the Juvenile Court of Boston. He was a director of the Merchants Co-Operative Bank of Boston, and a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association.

A veteran of World War I, he served in Europe with the Chemical Warfare Service. He was a lieutenant colonel on the staff of former Gov. Tobin in 1946.

Mr. Seiler was interested in outdoor life and was an active member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and several skiing groups.

He leaves his wife, Elva; a son, John, of Boston, a daughter, Mrs. John J. Patterson of Searsport, La., a brother, Irving L., of Newton, his partner, and four sisters, Mrs. Ralph Glidden of Jamaica Plain, Mrs. J. H. Kenealy of Boston, Mrs. Earl Carril of West Roxbury, and Mrs. Leon Abbot of Whittier, California.

NOBLES OF ALEPPO TEMPLE:

Heartfelt thanks for your wholehearted and generous support in our recent sponsorship of "Hippodrome of 1955". A parade of the Uniformed Units of Aleppo Temple, led by our Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren and his officers, from Mechanics Building to the Boston Garden, officially opened the show on Tuesday evening, Oct. 5. On Saturday afternoon, October 9, the Garden was jammed to capacity with thousands of children as your guests.

Personally I am very grateful for this further opportunity to help us spread the sunshine of the Shrine, and to aid in the continued growth of that warm feeling of public approval of Aleppo's activities throughout New England.

Each year is a real experience in human relations. The scores of letters from our Nobles, and the cordial letters of warm appreciation from charitable groups and institutions present revealing studies in human emotions. I want to share a few letters with you.

First of all, one is struck by the feeling that somehow the further removed we sometimes are from home and old familiar scenes the more we value the old ties and miss the old familiar faces. I think you too must be touched, by such letters as the following from distant shores:

Box 360 Star Route, Spenard, Alaska

"I am enclosing my check and the book of passes for the children to go to the Big New Spectacle Show. I sure hope and know that it will be another great success." V.C.R.

(Air Mail from Japan)

"I am now stationed in Japan and have received these tickets today. I hope they reach you in time to admit children." M.K.N.

Box 786, Big Bear Lake, California

"I am sorry I can't do more for the Shrine circus, but I am not in financial position to do better than send \$2. I am in my 80'th year and having all I can do to make both ends meet; living as I do on a restricted retired Government Annuity. I am feeling fairly well in this fine high altitude location, but miss the many friends and activities I had back home. Best wishes for everything that Aleppo does. I often think of the fine times I always had at the meetings." O.C.M.

Honolulu, T. H.

"Enclosed please find \$10 and the coupon book which was sent me. Please use the coupons as you see fit. Aloha from Hawaii." H.C.C.

Cicero, Illinois

"Enclosed is my check for \$10 for the tickets to our wonderful cause. Will you please give my tickets to some poor child so that he may be able to see your wonderful circus. You are doing a wonderful job. Only wish I could help out more." H.O.S.

New York City

"I am glad you are repeating the circus for the benefit of the under-privileged children in and around Boston, and take pleasure in sending you check for \$10 covering the book of tickets. I am also returning the tickets and would like to have you distribute them to the best advantage since I am not able to do so by reason of my inability to get to Boston." W.F.H.

S. S. Mobilfuel (Socony Vacuum Oil Co) At Sea, Sent 20.

"Enclosed find book of tickets with amount due. From the few members of Salaam Temple of N. J. There are a few aboard and we work together. Sorry I won't be there. Hope it will be as good as last year." L.J.G.

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Then again, I sometimes think we most appreciate the joy of giving when we ourselves have tasted adversity. Some of us who are best able to support any worthwhile endeavor of our Temple and of Shrinedom, are financially "slow on the draw"; while those least able to help often deeply regret any inability to do so. I refer to such wonderful and human letters as the following:

"I am sorry I could not sell these tickets, but I am enclosing two dollars. I have been laid up and now my hours are such on the railroad I could not do what I would have liked to do." I.R.W.

"Herewith find my 'mite' to aid your 'Noble' work, with best wishes for continued success. Having recently passed my 90'th birthday, my natural handicaps make it unwise to consider personal attendance but enclosed tickets will enable you to find worthy substitutes." H.A.C.

"Due to very pressing circumstances, I was unable to do any better than the enclosed \$2. Hope you will forgive me in my failure." S.K.S.

"My retired status as a teacher permits me little leeway with a buck, but here are a couple for the kitty, and the coupons are being returned. Loads of luck to Aleppo, a grand outfit." R.V.B.

"I am sorry to have to return 6 tickets for the Shrine circus but have been laid up for nearly two years now and don't get around much. (M.O. for \$4 enclosed)." A.K.N.

"Having only recently recovered from a surgical operation and sojourn in the hospital, and after paying the exorbitant charges which seem to be the style at the present time, I find my free cash well nigh exhausted, so must return the tickets and shall have to ask to be excused for the first time. Wishing the activities success, even though I cannot contribute." O.R.W.

"Since I am at present recovering from a recent expensive heart attack I plead temporary embarrassment. Will try to make up for this next time if the 'Good Lord be willin'?"

"Sorry to return the tickets but things are not too good with me at present. I have always sent my donation since the shows started. We are really hit hard here in Lawrence. Hope another year will bring better times."

"It is heartbreaking for me to have to return these tickets back to you. My last nine years of sickness, with several operations, forces me to do this."

"Sorry my meager retirement income does not permit me to make contribution much as I would like to."

"Enclosed is my book of tickets. I have kept them until the last minute, hoping I could be of some help. However, as I have had considerable damage to my home, from both hurricanes, I feel I must take care of this first. Maybe another year things will be better and I can help some."

"Due to illness for the past year and limited income, I regret that I must return the circus tickets, perhaps, by the Grace of God, I may be able to keep the next year's tickets."

"I wish I could send a check for these tickets but I have been hit by two hurricanes and lost all my fruit crop which I depended upon, and it has left me flat. I had to borrow money to pay my taxes so you see I have got to be careful. Sorry but I can't do anything this year. Thank you."

Frankly, it will greatly aid in our official audit, if such Nobles as may not have as yet made a return, will promptly forward check, and also return any unused ticket, or tickets, to be applied to Daddy Club Credit.

Finally, there are scores of letters, blessing Aleppo Temple and Shrinedom, for our work among less privileged children. I wish every Noble of Aleppo Temple could himself experience the thrill of personally opening letters such as these. They seem to make life in this busy, selfish, noisy world of ours a little more human, and warm, and worthwhile.

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, Jr.
Chairman

Massachusetts Hospital School, Canton, Mass.

"I wish to thank all the members of your organization for your kindness in inviting the children of the Massachusetts Hospital School to attend the Hippodrome of 1955."

Camp Fire Girls, Greater Boston Council

"Several hundred of our girls attended and were thrilled with the entire performance. Most of these children would never have had an opportunity to attend the show or make the trip to Boston."

The Dudley Street Baptist Church

"This rather belated note will, I hope, serve to express the gratitude of all of us at Dudley Street Church for the exciting afternoon which the members of our Junior Choir enjoyed as your guests. Situated as it is in the poorer district of Roxbury, our church tries to combine the functions of church and settlement house. Many of the 48 children who attended the 'Hippodrome' had never attended any large show of this type; for them especially it was an unforgettable experience."

Metropolitan State Hospital, Waltham, Mass.

"From all reports I know the youngsters from our Children's Unit had a whale of a good time at the Shriner's Hippodrome last Saturday. To be included in normal, community-happy times is excellent therapy for our children. There are many difficulties in the way of such participation for them, and for that reason we are deeply appreciative of the opportunities that come our way and that we can accept."

Girls' Clubs of Boston, 15 Green St., Charlestown

"Girls' Clubs of Boston take this opportunity to congratulate Aleppo Temple on the outstanding entertainment of 'Hippodrome of 1955', and the smooth, efficient handling of large groups of guests at your Saturday, October 9th performance. Both staff and children have been most enthusiastic and we want to express our appreciation to you for giving so many underprivileged children the opportunity for such a happy experience."

Blessed Sacrament Mission, 60 Vernon Street, Roxbury

"Thank you very much for the wonderful treat given by the Shriners of Aleppo Temple October 9th. We are most grateful for including us in the wonderful performance this year. We shall remember you and all the Shriners in our prayers."

St. Mary's Rectory, 45 Cooper St., Boston

"I wish to express in behalf of all at St. Mary's our sincere gratitude for the treat, afforded our children on last Saturday afternoon, when they attended the 'Hippodrome of 1955'. God bless and keep you and all your co-workers."

The Home of the Little Flower, Hale Street 36, Mass.

"Please accept our grateful thanks for giving our youngsters the opportunity to see 'Hippodrome of 1955'. There is no doubt whatever but that the children enjoyed themselves immensely. It is grand of you to think of the youngsters each year. May God's choicest blessings for you and your dear ones be your reward."

Holy Trinity Rectory, 140 Shawmut Ave., Boston

"We at Holy Trinity are most grateful to the Shriners for the fine time they gave to over 100 of our youngsters at the Hippodrome on Saturday, October 9. May God bless you for your goodness and kindness."

Sisters of the Good Shepherd
841 Huntington Ave., Boston 15

"A most grateful appreciation of your kind thought of our work and our children in inviting them to the 'Hippodrome of 1955'. They were overjoyed at the beauty of the pageant and have been telling of it ever since. Thank you more than we can say for your kindness to those under our care and for all the joy you afforded them. May God bless you all richly in your wonderful endeavors to help His little ones in so many ways."

Home for Italian Children, 1125 Centre St., Jamaica Plain

"We appreciate your kindness in remembering our little children and we want to assure you of a daily remembrance in our prayers. May the Divine Lord bestow His choicest graces and blessings upon each and every one of your members."

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AN APPEAL FOR CANNED GOODS
FOR OUR SHRINE HOSPITAL

THE Board of Governors of the New England unit of our Shrine Hospitals, located at Springfield, has issued an appeal to all Nobles in this area to make donations of canned goods of all descriptions to our hospital to replenish the nearly depleted inventory of canned food used at the Hospital by the little crippled youngsters convalescing at our Springfield unit.

Canned goods may be left at Shrine Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, or brought to the entrance of our Ceremonial, Friday, November 26, where receptacles will be available. They will then be sorted, packed and expressed direct to the Hospital.

Nobles, let's rally round and fill the empty shelves at our Shrine Hospital with canned goods.

If every Noble brings at least one can with him to the November 26th Ceremonial, it will take two trucks to carry it to the Springfield Hospital. We have already been assured of the necessary transportation. If each Noble will do his share, we'll do the rest.

Thanks, Nobles.

COMING EVENTS

Ceremonials of Northeastern Temples:
ALEPPO, Boston, Mass.

Friday, November 26, Mechanics Bldg.

Full Form Ceremonial

Friday, January 28, 1955, Mechanics Bldg. Annual Meeting

CAIRO, Rutland, Vt.

Saturday, December 11, Cold Sands Ceremonial

KARNAK, Montreal, Quebec

Saturday, December 4, Masonic Temple, Cold Sands Ceremonial

MELHA, Springfield, Mass.

Saturday, December 4, Municipal Auditorium

PYRAMID, Bridgeport, Conn.

Saturday, November 20, Fall Ceremonial



Officers of the Fitchburg-Leominster Shrine Club and officials from Aleppo Temple at a dinner at King's Corner Restaurant, Fitchburg, on September 20 when the Charter was presented to the newly formed Club which was organized June 2nd. Front row, left to right, Peter L. Peters of Fitchburg, President of the new Club; Past Potentate Willard P. Lombard, Director of Shrine Clubs and State Deputy of the Order of DeMolay for Boys; Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Imperial Potentate of North America, who was the principal speaker; and Illustrious Potentate Gerald F. Zedren, Potentate of Aleppo Temple. Standing, left to right, Philip Waterhouse, Treasurer of the Club; Herman C. McStay, Chief Rabban of Aleppo Temple; Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder of Aleppo Temple; J. Everett White, Treasurer; Associate Justice Harry Penan, Fitchburg, master of ceremonies; and Lewis Perlstein, Leominster, Vice President of the Club.

fulness and a helping hand to the children is nothing new to your organization it is an ever present lesson to all of us —"

United Cerebral Palsy of Boston, 184 Boylston Street

"Thank you so very much for making it possible for our children and adults who are cerebral palsied to attend the Hippodrome. It was one of the finest and diversified programs we had ever seen and we all enjoyed this performance so much. As you know, due to our disability, many of our members are unable to enjoy normal social activities, and we hope you won't think we would be taking undue advantage of your generosity if we suggest that you think of us, in a similar future event, and invite us again. We would be most grateful—"

(Will your Name be on Number 3?)

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